

# BEWARE OF SUFISM, AND THOSE WHO CALL TO SUFISM UNDER THE GUISE OF "ZUHD" OR ANYTHING ELSE!

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## بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Know - may Allaah have mercy on you - that we were not created except to single out Allaah (alone) with all worship, in accordance with Allaah's statement:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

***“And I (Allaah) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone).” (Adh-Dhariyat: 56)***

And as a mercy from Allaah, He did not leave us wandering aimlessly; rather He sent Messengers with clear proofs (revelations) from Him. And for this - our - Ummah specifically, Allaah sent down His final and best revelation to his final and best Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*), and furthermore promised to guard the Qur'an from corruption. And from His mercy, Allaah sent down the Sunnah to explain the Qur'an, and has likewise preserved the Sunnah by means of the Isnaad (the chain of narration) to help us separate the authentic from the unauthentic and fabricated. And also from His mercy, Allaah commanded His Prophet Muhammad (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) to convey everything revealed to him - not leaving out anything - including Allaah's Promise that He will not allow the Ummah (the first and best of them being the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) and the Sahaabah) to unite upon misguidance.

All of this is so those who want to follow the truth (Qur'an, authentic Sunnah,) which leads to Paradise may do so, and so those who insist on the falsehood that leads to the hellfire will be exposed and not taken as examples by those who are sincere. The proofs have been established and the excuses cut off.

And know - may Allaah have mercy on you - that anyone who holds an 'aqeedah (creed, belief, methodology) that differs from the 'aqeedah of the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) and his companions (*radiallaahu 'anhum ajma'een*) is in opposition to the truth and the way of the believers, in accordance with Allaah's statement:

وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

نُؤَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّى وَنُصْلِهِ جَهَنَّمَ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا

***“And whoever contradicts and opposes the Messenger after the right path has been shown clearly to him, and follows other than the believers' way. We shall keep him in the path he has chosen, and burn him in Hell - what an evil destination.” (An-Nisa:115)***

And Allaah's statement:

فَإِنْ أَمَّنُوا بِمَا أَمَّنْتُمْ بِهِ فَقَدْ اهْتَدَوْا وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا هُمْ فِي شِقَاقٍ  
فَسَيَكْفِيكَهُمْ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

***“So if they believe in the like of that which you believe, then they are rightly guided, but if they turn away, then they are only in opposition. So Allaah will suffice you against them. And He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.” (Al-Baqarah: 137)***

So beware of the evil of bid'ah<sup>1</sup> and desires, and its people. For the one who does not know the evil is likely to fall into it.

The Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), who did not speak from his own desire, warned us against people who would deviate in the famous hadeeth of *al-iftiraak*, saying:

**"This Ummah will divide into 73 sects, all of them in the hellfire except one."** He was asked, "Which one is that, o Messenger of Allaah?" He (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said: **"That which I and my companions are upon."**

[Collected by Abu Dawud (4597), Ahmad (4/102), and Ad Daarimee (2518).]

<sup>1</sup> **Bid'ah** is defined as: a belief, statement, or action invented or introduced after the death of the Prophet, by which a person seeks nearness to Allaah - without proof from the Qur'an or authentic Sunnah.

One of those 72 deviant sects that lead to the hellfire is Tasawwuf ("Soofism" in English), so beware - may Allaah safeguard you.

The people who adhere to this deviant way are called *Soofiyyah* ("Soofees", in English), who in some lands such as here in America invite to their deviant sect - their bid'ah - under the guise of "Zuhd."

Know - may Allaah safeguard you - that true Zuhd (abstinence from worldly affairs) can be practiced without leaving the correct Islam, without leaving Siratul Mustaqeem (the Straight Path), and without exposing yourself to the hellfire, for Zuhd is already part of the religion that Allaah revealed. Ponder that the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) was the best of those who practiced Zuhd and - of course - he didn't leave what Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) revealed to him to do so.

Imaam Abul Faraj Ibnul Jawzee (*rahimahullah*) said in his Talbees Iblees,

"Tasawwuf (Soofism) is a way that is well known for exceeding in abstinence of worldly luxuries (zuhd). What shows the difference between them (and real zuhd) is that **no one ever condemned abstinence (zuhd), whereas Soofism is condemned because of what we will mention later.**"

Building upon their initial deceit of calling to "Zuhd," these Soofees will attempt to lure the ignorant with lies such as "Tasawwuf is Zuhd." By Allaah, they have lured many Muslims in this treacherous way; when in fact, Tassawuf does not mean Zuhd and is in reality far from it!

**Tasawwuf (Soofism) is a shameful deception that begins with Dhikr and ends with Kufr. Its outward manifestation appears to be piety, but its inward reality forsakes the Commandments of Allaah.**

As you will soon read via abundant proofs, Tassawuf opposes Tawheed and is a direct link to Shirk, such that 'ulemma the likes of Shaykh Yahya Al Hajuri (*hafidhahullaah*) said,

**"Soofism and Shirk are spouses."**

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (*hafidhahullaah*) said:

“The greatest danger that faces the Ummah of Islaam is their being far away from the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of His Messenger (*sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), and replacing them with man-made laws and deviated ideologies. **Likewise, the greatest danger that faces the Ummah of Islaam is the misguidance and deviation concerning the 'aqeedah and the infiltration of concepts of kufr, shirk, and bid'ah into it - from the grave-worshippers and the Soofees...** The cure for this is to return back to the Book and the Sunnah, learning them, teaching them, judging by them between people, and adopting what they require of morals, manners and character.”

[Muntaqaa min Fataawaa (I/417; no. 249)]

Ibn Muflih (*rahimahullah*) recorded in his Aadaab ash-Sharee'ah (1/235) that Ibn 'Aqeel (*rahimahullah*) said:

**"There is nothing more harmful to the Sharee'ah than the Mutakallimeen (those involved in theological rhetoric) and the practitioners of Soofism."**

In truth, the scholars have defined Zuhd thusly: **To abstain from that which will not benefit you on the Day of Judgment.** And know - may Allaah save you from all deviance - that shirk and bid'ah and dancing and trances and complete submission (directing worship) to Soofee leaders **will NOT benefit on the Day of Judgment.** Do not be deceived O Muslim brothers and sisters!

The best of this Ummah to practice Zuhd was the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) - such that he used to sleep on date palm leaves that left an imprint on his back - and obviously he was not a Soofee. The Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) was the best **Zaahid** (ascetic) of this Ummah, yet he didn't forsake Allaah's commands - period - nor oppose them, nor contradict them in any way. Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) says about His Prophet:

وَلَوْ تَقَوَّلَ عَلَيْنَا بَعْضَ الْأَقَاوِيلِ (44) لَأَخَذْنَا مِنْهُ بِالْيَمِينِ (45) ثُمَّ لَقَطَعْنَا مِنْهُ الْوَتِينَ  
(46) فَمَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ عَنْهُ حَاجِزِينَ (47)

***“And if he (Muhammad) had forged a false saying concerning Us (Allaah), We surely should have seized him by his right hand. And then certainly would have cut off his life artery (Aorta). And none of you could withhold Us from (punishing) him.” (Al-Haqqah: 44-47)***

Being asked to [leave the correct Islam and] join a deviant sect so that you can practice Zuhd is like being asked to [leave the correct Islam and] join a deviant sect so you can make Salat or fast Ramadan, or make Hajj, or pay Zakat, or fight Jihaad. These acts of worship are already part of Islaam (the correct Islam).

Why would you have to join a deviant sect to do something that is already legislated in Islam? This is a bold, **red flag** for the ones who have intellect and are sincere to Allaah. Likewise, the best of this Ummah in performing dhikr was the Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) who taught the entire Ummah the legislated adhkaar. O Muslims, Allaah, The Most High, says:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ  
وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

***“Indeed in the Messenger of Allaah (Muhammad) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allaah and the Last Day and remembers Allaah much.” (Al-Ahzab: 21)***

Sa'd bin Hisham asked 'A'ishah (*radi Allahu 'anha*) about the character of the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), so she replied: 'Have you not read the Qur'an?' Sa'd said: 'Of course.' Then she said,

***"Verily, the character of the Messenger of Allaah was the Qur'an." (Muslim)***

This means that he would act according to the commands and the prohibitions in the Qur`an.

So imitate only the Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). He is our Messenger - Muslims testifies to this whenever we say the shahaadah (which means):

**“I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allaah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.”**

So implementing the shahadah means to worship only Allaah (alone), and to follow only His Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). Otherwise, the mere saying of the shahadah without implementation will not benefit. [In sha` Allaah, the specific, detailed meanings of the shahadah will follow.]

Know - may Allaah have mercy on you - that Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is the only man you will be asked about in the grave, not your parents, not your shaikh, not the imam of your masjid.

With this in mind, ask yourself: was the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) a Soofee? Was Abu Bakr (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) a Soofee? Were 'Umar, 'Uthman, 'Alee, Talhah, Abu Zubair, 'Abdur-Rahman Ibn 'Awf, Sa'd Ibn Abi Waqqas, Sa'eed Ibn Zayd, and Abu 'Ubaidah Ibn Al-Jarrah Soofees? Was Ibn 'Abbaas, Ibn 'Umar, Abu Musa, Bilal, 'A'ishah, Khadijah (*radiallaahu 'anhum*) Soofees? No! Was any companion a Soofee? No! Aoodhoobillaah! Was any Prophet (*'alaihim us-salam*) a Soofee? No! In fact, according to the scholars, the word Tasawwuf (Sufism) was not know in the time of the sahaabah.

O Muslims, Allaah commands His slaves with sincerity to Him, Who knows the secrets of the breasts and what one whispers to Himself.

If Jannah is your goal, then you must follow the Straight Path - following the path of the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) and Abu Bakr and 'Umar. There is no other path that leads to Allaah's Pleasure except this, in accordance with the Prophet's statement:



**“The Jews broke up into 71 sects, the Christians broke up into 72 sects and this Ummah will break up into 73 sects; all in the hellfire except for one. They said, “Which one is that, o Messenger of Allaah?” He said: Those on that which I am upon, and that which my companions are upon.”**

As Shaikh 'Abdullaah al-Bukharee (*hafidhahullaah*) explained that all the other paths are blocked off except this one. And this is what the Straight Path means in Suratul Fatihah.

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

**“Guide us to the Straight Way.” (Al-Fatihah: 6)**

Shaikh 'Abdullaah al-Bukharee (*hafidhahullaah*) quoted Imam Ibnul Qayyim (*rahimahullaah*), who said:

"It is the path of Allaah which He described for His slaves by the tongues of His Messengers and made it possible for His slaves to reach Him through it. **There is no other path to reach Him except by this.** But rather all the other paths are blocked off except this one. And it is to single [Allaah] out in worship, and to single out His Messenger in obedience, so he does not associate any partners with [Allaah] in worship nor associate anyone in obedience with the Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). So he purifies the Tawheed [of Allaah] and obedience to the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*)." [Telelink with Daar-us-Sunnah, London, 1431H]

So the Straight Path is to single out Allaah with each act of worship (all du'aa to Allaah alone; all seeking of refuge is in Allaah alone; all seeking deliverance is to Allaah alone; all reliance is on Allaah alone, all seeking of blessings is from Allaah alone, all sujood and ruku' are for Allaah alone, etc...) and single Him out in His Lordship (believing He alone is the Lord, He alone is the Creator, He alone gives life and gives death, and He alone disposes the affairs of the Universe etc.) and single Him out in His Beautiful Names and Lofty Attributes (affirming them as they come in the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah without denying them, or distorting their meanings, resembling them to the creation, or inquiring into their howness), and to follow only the Prophet Muhammad and no one else from the human beings in opposition to him (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*):

## اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

### *“Guide us to the Straight Way.” (Al-Fatihah: 6)*

And for the one who insists on worshipping others besides Allaah or following anyone in opposition to His Messenger Muhammad Ibn 'Abdullaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), then he should know that hellfire is forever on top of forever, for the one who dies upon major Shirk and Kufr!

The people of bid'ah (such as the Soofees, Shee'ah, Khawaarij, Ikhwaneees, Qadariyyah, Ash'aria, Tablighees, and the rest of the 72 deviant sects) are no doubt threatened with the hellfire in accordance with the warnings of Allaah and His Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). And whoever's bid'ah is mukkaafirah (of kufr) - such as directing an act of worship to any other than Allaah, or denying what Allaah attributed to Himself, or attributing to Allaah what Allaah denied for Himself, or denial of any statement of Allaah and His Messenger - and he dies upon that, then he will remain in the hellfire forever<sup>2</sup>.

Indeed, the one who dies upon major shirk, he will remain in the hellfire forever even if he prayed 5 times a day in the first row in the Masjid al-Haraam, called the adhaan his whole life, gave Zakat every year, made Hajj every year, fasted every Ramadan, and on Mondays and Thursdays year-round, **built many, many masaajid**, was kind to his parents, memorized the Qur`an, fed the poor, fought in the battlefield, etc...

Why? Because shirk nullifies all of one's good deeds - even if the one committing shirk claimed Islaam with his tongue. Here is one of many proofs.

وَلَقَدْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ لَئِنْ أَشْرَكَتَ لَيَحْبَطَنَّ عَمَلُكَ  
وَلَتَكُونَ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

*“And indeed it has been revealed to you (O Muhammad), as it was to those (Allaah's Messengers) before you: "If you join others in worship with Allaah,*

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.salafyink.com/aaqeedah/72Groups.pdf>

***(then) surely (all) your deeds will be in vain, and you will certainly be among the losers.”(Az-Zumar: 65)***

So the deeds of the one who commits major Shirk will become invalid!

And there is absolutely no doubt that Tasawwuf (Sufism) leads to Shirk, may Allaah safeguard you.

Of course, these Soofees don't invite you to Shirk in the beginning. Otherwise you would know to leave. As Mufaddal Ibn Mahallal (*rahimahullaah*) said:

"If the companion of the bid'ah were to speak to you about his bid'ah at the beginning of sitting with him, you would have kept away from him and left him. But he will speak to you in the beginning with the Sunnah, then he will put his bid'ah in you and your heart will accept it, so (at this point) when will the bid'ah leave your heart?"

At first, the Sufis come with the call to "**Zuhd**" - which is from the correct Islam anyway, as already established.

And from the lies and deceptions of the Soofiyah is convincing you (brainwashing, may be a more apt term) - first and foremost - to accept their shaikh's statements, opinions and rulings - without question, literally - over and above the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah. They provide as their reasons a few fabricated (forged) ahadeeth, such as the infamous forgery,

*"Whoever does not have a shaikh, shaytan is his shaikh."*

Forgeries like this and others like them are designed to set up an unlegislated, unbinding relationship between the *mureed* (novice) and the assigned Soofee "shaikh" that even extends beyond the shaikh's death, an agreement in which the novice takes an oath of loyalty, swearing obedience to the shaikh - without questioning him ever, for questioning, they claim, is a reason for removal from the "shaikh's mercy" - in return for the "shaikh solving his problems," "delivering him from dilemmas whenever he calls on the shaikh for help," and "interceding for him with Allaah so that he may be admitted to Jannah." Aoodhubillaah from such misguidance! Among the plethora of refutations for this specific Soofee deception is Allaah's statement:

وَلَا تَدْعُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُكَ وَلَا يَضُرُّكَ فَإِنْ فَعَلْتَ فَإِنَّكَ إِذَا مِنْ الظَّالِمِينَ  
(106) وَإِنْ يَمَسُّنَكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ وَإِنْ يُرِدْكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَلَا رَادَّ لِفَضْلِهِ  
يُصِيبُ بِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَهُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ (107)

***"And invoke not besides Allaah, any that will neither profit you, nor hurt you, but if (in case) you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Dhaalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers)." And if Allaah touches you with hurt, there is none who can remove it but He; and if He intends any good for you, there is none who can repel His Favor which He causes it to reach whomsoever of His slaves He will. And He is the Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Yunus: 106-107)***

The Soofee forgeries are also designed to set up tremendous subsequent, compound lies, such as:

"Our shaikh has 'secret' knowledge of the Qur'an through wahy (revelation) from Allaah" and even "Our shaikh is a Prophet."

Of course, those who read the Qur'an and Sunnah know that the religion has been completed, all revelation conveyed, there is no Prophet after Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), and wahy (revelation) stopped with the death of the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*):

**A:** Here is proof that the religion is already complete:

The statement of Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*):

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

***"This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." (Al-Ma'idah: 3)***

**B:** Here are proofs that the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) did not leave anything except that he conveyed it:

The statement of Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*):

وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ بِضَنِينٍ

***“And he (Muhammad) withholds not a knowledge of the unseen.” (At-Takwir: 24)***

Meaning he (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) conveyed everything that Allaah commanded him to convey; he didn't keep anything to himself. He (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) was not greedy with revelation.

Another proof is the hadeeth of the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), who said:

**“Indeed, there is nothing that brings you closer to Allaah and distances you from the fire except I have commanded you with it. And there is nothing that will distance you from Allaah and bring you closer to the fire except that I have prohibited you from it.”**

**C-** Here are proofs that Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is the last of the Prophets:

Allaah's statement:

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِنْ رِجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ  
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

***“Muhammad is not the father of any man among you, but he is the Messenger of Allaah and the last (end) of the Prophets. And Allaah is Ever AllAware of everything.” (Al-Ahzab: 40)***

Furthermore, the Prophet warned us of the liars who will claim Prophethood after him, although he (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is the seal of all Prophets by his statement:

**"...There will be 30 liars in my nation, each one claiming that he is a Prophet, though I am the seal of the Prophets; no Prophet will come after me. But a group of my nation will always hold to the truth, remaining triumphant, and cannot be harmed by their opponents until there comes the command of Allaah, Blessed and Exalted be He." (Al-Barqani)**

and...

**D-** Among the many proofs that revelation ceased with the death of the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is the following hadeeth in Sahih Muslim: "Anas reported that after the death of Allaah's Messenger (*sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), Abu Bakr said to 'Umar: Let us visit Umm Aiman as Allaah's Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) used to visit her. As we came to her, she wept. They (Abu Bakr and Umar) said to her, 'What makes you weep? What is in store (in the next world) for Allaah's Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is better than (this worldly life). She said, 'I weep not because I am ignorant of the fact that what is in store for Allaah's Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) (in the next world) is better than (this world), but I weep because the revelation which came from the Heaven has ceased to come.' This moved both of them to tears and they began to weep along with her."

Sadly, the deviance of the Soofees only mounts after these initial claims.

These Soofee leaders fearlessly declare "haram" what Allaah declared "halal", and declare "halal" what Allaah declared "haram." Obeying them in these matters - upon knowledge of Allaah's commands and prohibitions in the Qur'an and Sunnah - is **Kufr**! The religion of al-Islam is free from this.

Allaah, The All-Wise, said:

اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَابَهُمْ وَرُهْبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ

***“They (Jews and Christians) took their rabbis and their monks to be their lords besides Allaah (by obeying them in things which they made lawful or unlawful according to their own desires without being ordered by Allaah)...” (At-Tawbah: 31)***

Here is the authentic tafseer of that ayah:

Imam Ahmad, At-Tirmidhi and Ibn Jarir At-Tabari recorded a Hadeeth via several chains of narration from 'Adi Bin Hatim (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) who became Christian during the time of Jahiliyyah. When the call of the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) reached his area, 'Adi ran away to Ash-Sham, and his sister and several of his people were captured. The Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) freed his sister and gave her gifts. So she went to her brother and encouraged him to become Muslim and to go to the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). 'Adi, who was one of the chiefs of his people (the tribe of 'Tai') and whose father, Hatim At-Ta'i, was known for his generosity, went to Al-Madinah. When the people announced his arrival, 'Adi went to the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) wearing a silver cross around his neck. The Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) recited this ayah;

اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهْبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ

***“They (Jews and Christians) took their rabbis and their monks to be their lords besides Allaah (by obeying them in things which they made lawful or unlawful according to their own desires without being ordered by Allaah)...” (At-Tawbah: 31)***

'Adi commented, "I said, "They did not worship them." The Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said,

«بَلَى إِنَّهُمْ حَرَّمُوا عَلَيْهِمُ الْحَلَالَ وَأَحَلُّوا لَهُمُ الْحَرَامَ فَاتَّبَعُوهُمْ فَذَلِكَ عِبَادَتُهُمْ إِيَّاهُمْ»



**"Yes they did. They (rabbis and monks) prohibited the allowed for them (Christians and Jews) and allowed the prohibited, and they obeyed them. This is how they worshipped them."**

These Soofee leaders "permit" the prohibited, and "prohibit" the permitted in accordance with their objectives and in accordance with the desires of the ignorant worshippers. [Many deviant leaders declare "halal" certain prohibited matters such as shirk, bid'ah and major sins such a ribaa (usury, interest) so as to lure the masses and obtain a large following. The followers of desires who return to these leaders because these leaders will tell them what they want to hear - instead of the truth - are strongly advised to fear Allaah, The All-Knowing Creator Who knows the secret of the breasts.]

Among their greatest deceptions is treacherously "permitting" the people to set up intermediaries with Allaah, even encouraging and calling their students to invoke a person "to get near to Allaah." They call this Tawassul, or "loving the righteous." Of course, this is **Kufr!** It clearly opposes legislated Tawassul<sup>3</sup>. The religion of al-Islam is free from setting up intermediaries in worship between Allaah and His slaves. Allaah specifically calls this kufr! Allaah, The All-Knowing and The Judge on the day of Judgment, said:

وَيَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ وَيَقُولُونَ هَؤُلَاءِ شُفَعَاؤُنَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ قُلْ أَتُنَبِّئُونَ اللَّهَ بِمَا لَا يَعْلَمُ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

***"And they worship besides Allaah things that hurt them not, nor profit them, and they say: "These are our intercessors with Allaah." Say: "Do you inform Allaah of that which He knows not in the heavens and on the earth?" Glorified and Exalted be He above all that which they associate as partners with Him!" (Yunus: 18)***

أَلَا لِلَّهِ الدِّينُ الْخَالِصُ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ مَا نَعْبُدُهُمْ

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.salafyink.com/aqeedah/Tawassul.pdf>



إِلَّا لِيُقَرِّبُونَا إِلَى اللَّهِ زُلْفَى إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ فِي مَا هُمْ فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ هُوَ كَاذِبٌ كَفَّارٌ

*“Surely, the religion (i.e. the worship and the obedience) is for Allaah only. And those who take Auliya' (protectors and helpers) besides Him (say): "We worship them only that they may bring us near to Allaah." Verily, Allaah will judge between them concerning that wherein they differ. **Truly, Allaah guides not him who is a liar, and a disbeliever.**” (Az-Zumar: 3)*

It's as if they don't understand the Qur'an, because the same excuse they use - "to get nearer to Allaah" - is the same excuse the Mushrikoon use. Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) refuted this specific statement of theirs in the Qur'an! The religion of al-Islam is free from this act of theirs.

Moreover, the mere belief - even without action - that there is no harm in calling on others besides Allaah is **Kufr**; the person becomes an apostate due to this belief because Allaah, The Most High, says:

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ

*“That is because Allaah He is the Truth (the only True God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is Baatil (falsehood). And verily, Allaah He is the Most High, the Most Great.” (Al-Hajj: 62)*

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

*“You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything).” (Al-Fatihah: 5)*

وَالْهُكُمُ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

***“And your Ilah (Deity) is One Ilah (Deity - Allaah), La ilaaha illa Huwa (there is none who has the right to be worshipped but He), the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.” (Al-Baqarah: 163)***

فَادْعُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ

***“So, call you (O Muhammad, and the believers) upon (or invoke) Allaah making (your) worship pure for Him (Alone) (by worshipping none but Him and by doing religious deeds sincerely for Allaah's sake only and not to show-off and not to set up rivals with Him in worship). However much the disbelievers (in the Oneness of Allaah) may hate (it).” (Ghafir: 14)***

The verses with this meaning are numerous. Yet, with all these ayat, some of these lying, stubborn Soofee leaders still defend their actions with desperate statements such as, "making du'aa to Allaah is inappropriate behavior." Aoodhubillaah!

How can making du'aa to Allaah be "inappropriate behavior" when Allaah commands us to make du'aa to Him, warns us from abstaining from making du'aa to Him, and forbids making du'aa to other than Him?

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي  
سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ

***“And your Lord said: "Invoke Me, (and ask Me for anything) I will respond to your (invocation). Verily! Those who scorn My worship [i.e. do not invoke Me, and do not believe in My Tawheed)], they will surely enter Hell in humiliation!"(Ghafir: 60)***

The Messenger (salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said:

***“Whoever does not supplicate (make Du'aa) to Allaah, then Allaah is angry with him.” (Bukhari)***

Allaah says:

وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا

***“And the mosques are for Allaah (Alone), so invoke not anyone along with Allaah.” (Al-Jinn: 18)***

If your point of reference of whom/what you worship and what you hold as your 'aqeedah is not the Qur'an and Sunnah, then what is the difference between you and the Jews and Christians and the rest of the mushrikeen? Allaahu Musta'aan (Allaah's Help is sought)!

Additionally, these lying leaders call their students to make du'aa to the awliyyah in the grave. This deviance has spread throughout the Muslim countries, such that in some places the adhaan will be called, and more people will head to the graveyard (“masjids” containing graves and tombs) instead of the masjid devoid of such haram things. Allaahu Musta'aan! From these transgressors are those who make their salat around the grave, which is not only prohibited (haram) by Allaah and His Messenger but can lead to shirk.

Some even make tawaaf around the graves, and this is bid'ah and/or kufr. If the intention is seeking nearness to the dead by this act, then this is kufr. If the intention is seeking nearness to Allaah, then this is bid'ah. Allaah has not made tawaaf around graves a means to draw near to Him. Furthermore, Allaah has not legislated tawaaf around anything except the Ka'bah.

If someone calls upon the occupant of the grave, asking the dead for benefit or to repel harm, or for forgiveness of sins, then this is clear **kufr** - refuge in Allaah is sought!

Some of these Soofees also say, "The awliyyah have a higher status than the Prophets," and "Awliyyah are exempt from following Prophet Muhammad." In truth, a Waly of Allaah is simply someone who fears Allaah and has Eeman. Here read for yourself:

أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ (62) الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ (63)

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***“No doubt! Verily, the Auliyya' of Allaah, no fear shall come upon them nor shall they grieve. Those who believed, and used to fear Allaah much.” (Yunus: 62-63)***

The Great Shaikh Al ‘Allaamah Muhammad Amaan Al Jaamee (*rahimahullah*) said,

“Every true believer is from the Awliyyah.”

Allaah's Awliyyah are those who single out Allaah with all forms of worship (directing all their du'aa, all their seeking refuge, all their seeking of blessings, all their slaughtering, all their oaths, all their seeking aid to Allaah alone - no one else), who single out Allaah in His Lordship, and who single out Allaah in His Beautiful Names and Lofty Attributes, and fear Allaah much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which Allaah has forbidden), and love Allaah much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained).

Calling to shirk is not from Taqwa or Eeman, so how can these deviants who encourage their students to make Du'aa to other than Allaah - an act of Kufr - be called Awliyyah?

Know - may Allaah safeguard you - that the one who calls to shirk is not a Waly. Someone who worships other than Allaah is a mushrik (polytheist) and kaafir (disbeliever), and a kaafir cannot be a Waly of Allaah. A Waly of shaytan, definitely, but a Waly of Allaah, must definitely not!

Among the many other proofs that they cannot be Awliyah is the statement of some of them, *"I do not worship Allaah because I fear His hellfire, nor because I desire His Paradise."* As the scholars have said: Indeed, this is apostasy - and refuge is sought with Allaah - for the one who do not fear Allaah is not a believer.

إِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهَا خَرُّوا سُجَّدًا وَسَبَّحُوا بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَهُمْ لَا  
يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ (15) تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ  
يُنْفِقُونَ (16)

***“Only those believe in Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), who, when they are reminded of them fall down prostrate, and glorify the Praises of their Lord, and they are not proud. Their sides forsake their beds, to invoke their Lord in fear and hope, and they spend (charity in Allaah's Cause) out of what We have bestowed on them.” (As-Sajdah: 15-16)***

Likewise, Anas reported that the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) entered upon a young boy who was dying. The Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wasallam*) asked: "How are you?" The boy replied, **"O Messenger of Allaah, I am in between hoping in Allaah and fearing for my sins."** And the Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said,

**"The like of these two qualities do not unite in the heart of a servant except that Allaah gives him what he hopes for and protects him from what he fears."**

**(At-Tirmidhee, Ibn Maajah. Authenticated by al-Albaanee in Ahkaamul-Janaa'iz (no. 2).)**

So do not let these Soofees deceive you, O slave of Allaah, and ponder the virtues of revelation and the virtue of following it.

Was not Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) a Waly, having Eeman and Taqwa? Of course. He was the best of creation, the best Waly and the best Prophet and Messenger, and no one from this Ummah had more Taqwa and Eeman than him. And yet even he was not deserving of being worshipped.

A *Sahaabi* (companion) would come and stand in the presence of Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) and say:

*“Allaahumma atoobu ilaik wa laa atoobu ila Muhammad.”*

(O Allaah, I seek your forgiveness, and I do not seek forgiveness from Muhammad.)

And the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said: ***'Urifal haqq li ahli***

**“The right has been given to The One Who deserves it.”**

Yet, if the Soofiyah (Soofees) heard someone reading or reciting these evidences, they would make Takfeer of him or - worse yet - call him a "Munaafiq" (hypocrite) and accuse him of not loving Muhammad.

And as is clear from the Qur'an and Sunnah, committing shirk is NOT from loving Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) and His Messenger (*salallaahu 'laihi wa sallam*). Rather, from loving Allaah and His Messenger is to single out Allaah with all worship and to **follow** the Messenger - and not worship Muhammad as do the Christians with Jesus, son of Mary.

Allaah says:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

***"Say (O Muhammad to mankind): 'If you (really) love Allaah, then follow me (i.e. accept Tawheed, follow the Qur'an and the Sunnah), Allaah will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.' (Aali Imran: 31)***

Al-Hasan Al-Basri (*rahimahullaah*) said:

"A people claimed they loved Allaah, so Allaah revealed this verse in order to test them."

Ibn Jarir (*rahimahullaah*) reported:

"A group of people during the time of the Prophet said, 'O Muhammad. Truly we love our Lord.' Thereupon, Allaah revealed this verse:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

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***and forgive you of your sins. And Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Aali Imran: 31)***

Hence making the following of His Prophet Muhammad a sign of those who love Him (Allaah), and appointing punishment for those who oppose him."

Furthermore, the Messenger said:

**"Do not over praise me like the Christians over praised the son of Maryam. Indeed I am a slave of Allaah and His Messenger." (Bukhari)**

And many people fall into error concerning this and think that if a particular individual is a Waly of Allaah, then everything he says and does has to be accepted and believed - even if it contradicts the Qur'an and Sunnah. And this is a dangerous and erroneous belief!

As Imam Malik (*rahimahullaah*) said:

"Everyone can have his statements either accepted or rejected except for the [Messenger of Allaah, (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*)]."

Why, because **he did not speak from his own desire**; in conveying the religion, he (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) only said what Allaah commanded him, and Allaah does not err. As for everyone else, he can be right or he can be wrong. So if anyone's statements oppose what Allaah and His Messenger said, **then his statements are rejected no matter who he is.**

Imaam Abu Sulayman ad-Daaraani (*rahimahullaah*) said:

"Indeed a word of wisdom occurs in my heart, as it does to the nation [of the righteous] but I do not accept it until I first compare it to the Two Witnesses - the Qur'an and the Sunnah."

[Al-Bidayah wan-Nihayah [10/255], Siyar A'lam an-Nubula [10/183]



Likewise, the one who denies anything that the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) came with can never be considered a Waly of Allaah, the Exalted.

Know - may Allaah guide you to the Sunnah - that the foundation of Kufr lies in disbelieving in the Messenger.

رُسُلًا مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنْذِرِينَ لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ لِلنَّاسِ عَلَى اللَّهِ حُجَّةٌ بَعْدَ الرُّسُلِ  
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا

***“(We Sent) Messengers as bearers of good news as well as of warning in order that mankind should have no plea against Allaah after the Messengers. And Allaah is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise.” (An-Nisa: 165)***

And believing in the Messenger does not simply mean to believe he existed. Rather, from the Qur'an and Sunnah, we know that the second Shahaadah - (saying) **"I testify that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger"** - means to:

- a- To do what he (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) commanded.
- b- To believe in everything he (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) came with.
- c- To stay away from what he (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) forbade.
- d- And to not worship Allaah, except as he (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) commanded, all in accordance with the following evidences:

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا

***“...And whatsoever the Messenger (Muhammad) gives you, take it, and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain (from it)...” (Al-Hashr: 7)***

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ (3) إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ (4)

***“Nor does he speak of (his own) desire. It is only an Inspiration that is inspired.” (An-Najm: 3-4)***



The Prophet's (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) statement:

**"Whoever does an action not in accordance with our matter (Sunnah), then it will be rejected." (Muslim)**

And know - may have mercy on you - that all Prophets were Awliyyah, but not all Awliyyah were Prophets. Again. All Prophets were Awliyyah, but not all Awliyyah are Prophets. In other words, the status of a Prophet is a higher status than the status of a Waly. The Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is the best Waly, and the best Messenger, and the best of mankind, and he was sent to all of mankind - no one from mankind or jinn is exempt from being commanded to follow the Prophet (*salallahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). "Waly" or not.

In fact, it is **Kufr** to believe that someone - mankind or jinn - from this Ummah is exempt from following Prophet Muhammad (*salallahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا

**"Say (O Muhammad): "O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as the Messenger of Allaah..." (Al-A'raf: 158)**

And in an authentic hadeeth, the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said,

**"...By The One in Whose hand is My soul. If Musa were living, he would have no choice but to follow me." (Ahmad)**

So Musa (*'alaihis salaatu was salaam*) would have to follow Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), but these Soofee leaders, don't have to?!

Calling upon (or making du'aa to) anyone other than Allaah is **Kufr**, whether it is a Messenger, or a Prophet, or an Angel brought near, or a Waly, or the sun, or the moon or the stars, or trees, or stones, or animals! Worshipping (calling upon) anyone or anything other than Allaah is **Kufr**! The religion of al-Islam is free from this. Only Allaah deserves to be worshipped. This is the meaning of **La illaaha il Allaah** (there

is none worshipped in truth except Allaah, and whatever is worshipped besides Allaah is worshipped in falsehood).

Read for yourself:

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ

***“That is because Allaah He is the Truth (the only True God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is Baatil (falsehood) And verily, Allaah He is the Most High, the Most Great.” (Al-Hajj: 62)***

Allaah is The Truth, meaning He is The Only One worshipped in truth and called upon in truth; everything and everyone else who is worshipped - is worshipped/called upon - in falsehood.

Allaah refutes those who worship (call upon, sacrifice for, seek refuge in, seek blessings from) other than Him by informing that those whom are worshipped besides Allaah not only did they not witness or help Allaah in creating the heavens and the earth, but they themselves are created.

أَيُّشْرِكُونَ مَا لَا يَخْلُقُ شَيْئًا وَهُمْ يُخْلَقُونَ

***“Do they attribute as partners to Allaah those who created nothing but they themselves are created?” [Al-A'raf: 191]***

مَا أَشْهَدَتْهُمْ خَلْقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَا خَلْقَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ

***“I (Allaah) made them (Satan and his offspring) not to witness (nor took their help in) the creation of the heavens and the earth and not (even) their own creation...” [Al-Kahf: 51]***

When you open the mushaf, O slave of Allaah, the very first command you find is:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

***“O mankind! Worship your Lord (Allaah), Who created you and those who were before you so that you may become Al-Muttaqoon (the pious).” (Al-Baqarah: 21)***

So the first command is to worship Allaah (alone). The first prohibition found in the mushaf is at the end of the following ayah:

فَلَا تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أَنْدَادًا وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

***“Then do not set up rivals unto Allah (in worship) while you know (that He Alone has the right to be worshipped).” (Al-Baqarah: 22)***

So the first prohibition is to not set up rivals unto Allaah in worship. And in between, Allaah gives reasons: He alone created us, He alone created the earth, He alone created the heavens, He alone sends down the rain, He alone provides for us. Ibn 'Abbaas (*radiallaahu 'anhumma*) said: Allaah's statement **while you know** means while you know that you have no Creator besides Allaah.

The point of reference here is that the awliyyah did not help Allaah in creating the heavens and the earth, or anything, nor did they witness it.

And these Soofees and their leaders deceive whoever gives them their ears or eyes into denying that Allaah is above all of His creation, and instead they lie and say, "*Allaah is everywhere*" - this is denial of Allaah's ayat, and this is **Kufr!**

And do you know why they fearlessly push forward this lie? Continue reading, o brothers and sisters in Islam.

These Soofee leaders call to the deviant beliefs of Wahdatul Wujood (the deviant belief that "*Allaah and the creation are one, only Allaah exists, Allaah is everywhere, therefore it's okay to worship anything around you because Allaah is in it*") and hulool (deviant belief that "*Allaah dwells within us*").

Each of these ideologies is **Kufr**. The religion of al-Islam is free from each of these ideologies. For reasons that will *in sha` Allaah* become clear, scholars such as Shaikh Saalih al-Fawzaan (*hafidhahullaah*) and Ahmad an-Najmee (*rahimahumullaah*) have stated that not only is *Wahdatul Wujood* **Kufr**, but it is the greatest of **Kufr**, combining all the **Kufr** into one ideology and is greater than the kufr of the Christians and Jews. Aoodhubillaah!

It is with this invented kufr-laden belief of *Wahdatul Wujood* that these Sufi leaders indoctrinate their ignorant students to call upon other than Allaah - humans, trees, stones, the righteous, the sun, the moon, the stars, even the animals, - and deny His 'Uluw. The founder of this deviant ideology - Ibn 'Arabee al-Haateemee, who was declared "a kaafir" by the scholars of his time and executed - made other heinous statements of kufr such as, "*The slave is the Lord, and the Lord is the slave!*" (in his own deviant book "*al-Fatoohaah-ul-Makkiyyah*")

Ibn 'Arabee also said in the same deviant book that when the Children of Israil worshipped the calf in Moses' absence, "*they worshipped nothing but Allaah.*" Aoodhubillaah! This is **Kufr**!

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَا قَوْمِ إِنَّكُمْ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ بِاتِّخَاذِكُمُ الْعِجْلَ فَتُوبُوا إِلَىٰ بَارِئِكُمْ

*"And (remember) when Musa (Moses) said to his people: "O my people! Verily, you have wronged yourselves by worshipping the calf. So turn in repentance to your Creator..." (Al-Baqarah: 54)*

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مُوسَىٰ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ثُمَّ اتَّخَذْتُمُ الْعِجْلَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَأَنْتُمْ ظَالِمُونَ

*"And indeed Musa (Moses) came to you with clear proofs, yet you worshipped the calf after he left, and you were Dhaalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers)." (Al-Baqarah: 92)*

وَأُشْرِبُوا فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْعِجْلَ بِكُفْرِهِمْ قُلْ بِئْسَمَا يَأْمُرُكُمْ بِهِ إِيمَانُكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ

***“And their hearts absorbed (the worship of) the calf because of their disbelief. Say: “Worst indeed is that which your faith enjoins on you if you are believers.” (Al-Baqarah: 93)***

Worship is only for Allaah, not for any created being or created thing. Directing worship to any created being or created thing is kufr. Allaah, The Creator, said:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ  
الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ

***“And from among His Signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Prostrate not to the sun nor to the moon, but prostrate to Allaah Who created them, if you (really) worship Him.” (Fussilat: 37)***

Ibn 'Arabee, who openly declared Fir'awn to be a "believer," even warned his followers - in his deviant book *al-Fusooos* (p. 191) - from (and advised them against) believing in one particular religion, and disbelieving in others. Whereas Allaah said:

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

***“Truly, the religion with Allaah is Islaam...” (Aali Imran: 19)***

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

***“And whoever seeks a religion other than Islaam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers.” (Aali Imran: 85)***

It is clear from these ayat of Allaah that whoever does not consider any religion that is not Islaam - such as Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheism - to be from the false religions that will not benefit on the Day of Judgment, then he himself has fallen into kufr.

Furthermore, the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said,

**"Both in this world and in the hereafter, I am the nearest of all the people to 'Eesa ibnu Mariam. The Prophets are brothers (of Tawheed); their mothers are different, but their religion is one." (Bukhari)**

So Nuh, Ibraheem, Musa, 'Eesa ibnu Mariam, Muhammad (all the Prophets) were commanded with Islam by Allaah, and they all called to Islam, and those who followed them were Muslim, but from these Soofees are those who follow a man who tells them to combine Islam with falsehood. And this is a ploy, for they cannot be combined.

Read the definition of Islaam, extracted from the Qur`an and Sunnah: **Islaam is to submit to Allaah upon Tawheed and to yield to Him in obedience, while freeing oneself from Shirk and its people and Bid'ah and its people.**

So what is Tawheed? In the sharee'ah, Tawheed means: to single out Allaah in everything specific to Him, singling Him out in worship, in His Lordship and in His Beautiful Names and Lofty Attributes.

So what is the opposite of Tawheed?

The opposite of Tawheed is Shirk! And know - may Allaah safeguard you - that shirk is to give the right that only Allaah deserves to other than Him.

And since every religion other than Islam has Shirk (the worship of other than Allaah) in it, and Islam is to submit to Allaah upon Tawheed (freeing oneself from shirk), you will *in sha` Allaah* see that the two cannot co-exist. Once the person commits Major Shirk, then his Islam is nullified.

O brothers and sisters in Islam, this religion is simple. Worship Allaah alone, follow only Prophet Muhammad, and don't deny anything in the Qur`an and Sunnah. Just follow The Straight Path.

Allaah, The Most High, said:

وَأَنَّ هَذَا صِرَاطِي مُسْتَقِيمًا فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا السُّبُلَ فَتَفَرَّقَ بِكُمْ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ذَلِكُمْ  
وَصَّاءُكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

***"And verily this is My Straight Path, so follow it, and follow not (other) paths, for they will separate you away from His Path. This He has ordained for you that you may become Muttaqoon (pious)." (Al-An'aam: 153)***

'Abdullaah Ibn Mas'ood (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) said: 'The Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) drew a line with his hand (in the sand) and said, **'This is Allaah's path, leading straight.'** He then drew lines to the right and left of that line and said, **'These are the other paths, on each path there is a devil who calls to it.'** He then recited (Allaah's statement): **And verily, this is My straight path, so follow it, and follow not (other) paths, for they will separate you away from His path. (Al-An'aam: 153).**" (Ahmad and Al-Hakim)

A man asked Ibn Mas'ood (*radiallaahu 'anhu*), "What is As-Sirat Al-Mustaqim (The Straight Path)?" Ibn Mas'ood (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) replied, "Muhammad left us at its lower end and its other end is in Paradise. To the right of this Path are other paths, and to the left of it are other paths, and there are men (on these paths) calling those who pass by them. Whoever goes on the other paths will end up in the Fire. Whoever takes the Straight Path will end up in Paradise." Ibn Mas'ood (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) then recited the ayah: **And verily, this is My straight path, so follow it, and follow not (other) paths, for they will separate you away from His path. [Al-An'aam: 153]**

Mujaahid (*rahimahullaah*) said: "*As-Subul* (the paths) means the innovations and the doubtful matters."

So these devils calling to the hellfire can be men (or women) - human beings like Ibn 'Arabee. Refuge in Allaah is sought from being among those who call to the hellfire, and also from answering their call to the hellfire!

Sadly, Ibn 'Arabee's books are still being circulated by the Sufis, books under the titles of *al-Fatoohaatul-Makkiyyah* and *Fusoosul-Hikam* and *at-Tafseerul-Baatin*, books that contain clear apostasy and pose a danger to anyone whose goal is Paradise. May Allaah destroy these books by any means He wills!



As for hulool, this was openly called to by some of the Soofees, such as al-Husayn Ibn Mansoor al-Hallaaj who was declared to be "a kaafir" by the scholars of his time. He was executed in 309 H. Among his many deviant statements was this one, claiming a human nature for Allaah: "*Glory to Him who manifested His human nature...*" (from his deviant book *at Tawaaseen of al Hallaaj*, p.130.)

And this one resembling himself to Allaah and claiming unity with Allaah: "*We are two spirits who dwell in a single body. So when you see me you see Him, and when you see Him you see us both.*" Aoodhubillaah!

And by Allaah, the only reason why the references for those evil statements are given is so the Soofees and their supporters do not say, "*This is made up.*" The people of the Sunnah do not fabricate nor do they need to fabricate, for the statements and the opinions of the true people of the Sunnah are in accordance with the Qur`an and Sunnah, two revelations which are perfect and infallible. Falsehood cannot approach revelation. Every mankind and jinn - regardless of color, race, nationality, and language - is invited to this perfect truth that leads to Paradise; in fact everyone from mankind and jinn is obligated to accept the truth that leads to Paradise, and furthermore be with those who are truthful.

Allaah said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

***"O you who believe! Be afraid of Allaah, and be with those who are true (in words and deeds)." [At-Tawbah: 119]***

From these people of Wahdatul Wujood and Hulool also came this deviant named Ibn Basheesh (may Allaah give him what he deserves) who ignorantly said: "*O Allaah rescue me from the mire of Tawheed, and drown me in the centre of the sea of unity, and mix me into the state of unity and oneness until I do not see, nor hear, nor sense except through it.*"

In light of the Qur`an and Sunnah, Ibn Basheesh sought refuge in Allaah from the only reason why Allaah created him - Tawheed - and asked Allaah to drown him in **Kufr**!

Refuge in Allaah is sought from being among the ignorant!



O Muslims, beware of these callers to the hellfire, whose work is still propagated by today's callers to the hellfire. Among today's callers to the hellfire are Habib 'Ali Jifri and Hamza Yusuf.

Jifri is a grave-worshipping Soofee, who openly calls to shirk and kufr, praises people of Wahdatul Wujood, and even says "**awliyah can create what is in the wombs.**" Subhaana Allah even Abu Lahab and Abu Jahl never said that!

Allaah (**Ta'ala**) commanded His Messenger to ask Abu Lahab and Abu Jahl and their likes:

وَلَيْنَ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَهُمْ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ فَأَلَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ

***"And if you ask them who created them, they will surely say: "Allaah". How then are they turned away (from the worship of Allaah, Who created them)?" (Az-Zukhruf: 87)***

As for Hamzah Yusuf, this Sufi belittles Tawheed, saying that learning Tawheed "*is a disease*," and even saying Tawheed can be "*learned in five minutes*." Unless Allaah guides Hamza Yusuf to tawbah and the Sunnah - may Allaah guide him - what will Hamza Yusuf do - on the Day of Judgment - with Allaah's statement:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

***"And I (Allaah) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone)." (Adh-Dhariyat: 56)***

For his belittlement of Tawheed, Allaah has made an example of Hamza Yusuf. May Allaah guide Hamza Yusuf so he is not humiliated on the Day of Judgment. How has Allaah humiliated Hamza Yusuf in this life? Read on.

As comes in an authentic hadeeth, Hudhaifah Bin al Yamaan (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) said:

**“People used to ask the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) about the good times, but I used to ask him about bad times fearing lest they overtake me...” (Bukhari, Muslim)**

In explaining this amazing and long hadeeth, Shaikh Fawzaan said about the beginning [quoted above]: "They used to ask him (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) about the good with regards to righteous actions, affairs of 'aqeedah and mu'aamalaat. And Hudhaifah used to ask him (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) about the bad times, fearing lest they overtake him.

So, in this is evidence that it is not sufficient to only learn about the good; rather one must know about the evil in order to avoid it. If you do not know about the evil, you will come close to falling into it, as the poet said:

*"I acquaint myself with the evil not for the sake of evil, but to be safeguarded from it.  
Because the one who does not know evil from good will fall into it (i.e. evil)."*

The human being must learn about the truth, and its proofs and evidences. He is to learn and know that which is false and the doubts associated with it, in order that he can be saved from falsehood, and to warn the people against it. How can he avoid and warn people against it, if he is not aware of it?"

The point of reference is: the one who doesn't learn Tawheed, how will he implement Tawheed; and the one who doesn't learn the opposite of Tawheed - Shirk - then how will he avoid falling into Shirk?

So these days, what is Hamza Yusuf doing? Not only is he a Sufi sitting with grave-worshippers, but additionally he chants the poem ***Qasida Burdah*** and teaches his ignorant students this poem which he translated.

Are you aware of what this poem contains of Shirk and deviance? Let's go through some lines of this poem that is addressed to the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). And keep in mind that he is addressing the Prophet who is dead and cannot hear him - not Allaah, the All-Hearing, the Ever-Living Who does not die.

*"Oh Most Generous of mankind, I have no one to seek refuge in except you when the calamity occurs."*

Allaahu Musta'aan, seeking refuge is an act of worship and as such, each act of worship can only be directed to Allaah. So not only is refuge being sought in Muhammad - and this is **major shirk** that nullifies one's Islaam! - but the poem leaves nothing for Allaah! How can you forget Allaah! Allaahu akbar! How can you forget Allaah!

Have you not read, and even memorized:

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ

***"Say: "I seek refuge with (Allaah) the Lord of the daybreak..." (Al-Falaq: 1)***

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ

***"Say: "I seek refuge with (Allaah) the Lord of mankind..." (An-Nas: 1)***

Seeking refuge is an act of worship, and no one is deserving of worship except Allaah, and this is the meaning of "La illaha il Allaah," the *kalima* (statement) of Tawheed. And there's more shirk in that poem, such as attributing knowledge of the *Ghaib* (Unseen) to the Prophet - which is kufr, since only Allaah knows the ghaib:

قُلْ لَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ الْغَيْبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ أَيَّانَ يُبْعَثُونَ

***"Say: "None in the heavens and the earth knows the Ghaib (unseen) except Allaah, nor can they perceive when they shall be resurrected." (An-Naml: 65)***

And the poem also includes swearing by other than Allaah, which is shirk in accordance with the Prophet's statement:

***"Whomever gives an oath (swears) by other than Allaah has committed Shirk or kufr." (Ahmad)***

Shaikh Saleh as-Saleh (*rahimahullaah*) said concerning the infamous Burdah poem of Al-Busiri: **"It is plain shirk because it exaggerates with the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), giving him attributes of divinity, as if he knows the unseen and what is written in the preserved tablet.** So much of this, unfortunately, is spread throughout the Muslim world and particularly in Southeast Asia, particularly in Indonesia. Think about it. Moreover, they have musical groups in these countries only specialized to sing these poems, especially the 'Burdah.'"

What happened to Hamza Yusuf - may Allaah guide him - is what happens to those who belittle Tawheed, to those who belittle the very reason why they were created. The sickness, as you can see *in sha` Allaah*, is not in learning Tawheed. Rather, the sickness is in not learning Tawheed. Allaah did not create us except for Tawheed, nor did Allaah send His Messengers except with this call to Tawheed. Read Allaah's statement:

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

***"And verily, We have sent among every Ummah a Messenger (proclaiming): 'Worship Allaah (Alone), and avoid Taghoot (all false deities)..." (An-Nahl: 36)***

And Allaah's final Messenger spent his first 10 years of Prophethood exclusively calling to Tawheed, before any of the other pillars were sent down. And even on the last day of his life, the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said:

**"The curse of Allaah be upon the Jews and Christians. They took the graves of their Prophets as places of worship. So do not take [my grave as a place of worship]. For verily, I am forbidding you from that."**

So he (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) began his call with Tawheed and ended his call with Tawheed!

By Allaah, whose Sunnah, whose way, whose path is better: the pure, legislated path of the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) or the soiled, invented and deviated path of Ibn 'Arabee, al-Hallaj, Ibn Basheesh, Habib 'Ali Jifri and Hamza Yusuf? Aoodhubillaah! And these Soofees have not sufficed themselves with calling

adults to these deviant beliefs of *Wahdatul Wujood* and *Hulool*, but sadly expose children to them as well, calling them away from Tawheed and the Sunnah, and stuffing them with deviance, such as the denial of Allaah's 'Uluw.

Allaahu Musta'aan (Allaah's Help is sought)!

And there are over 1,000 proofs from the Qur'an and Sunnah regarding Allaah's 'Uluw (Allaah, in His Self, being above everything). In His Self, Allaah is above everything. Allaah's *knowledge* is everywhere. Allaah knows everything, sees everything, and hears everything. In His Self, Allaah is **above everything**. Here are a few proofs:

وَهُوَ الْقَاهِرُ فَوْقَ عِبَادِهِ وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ

*“And He is the Irresistible, **above His slaves**, and He is the All-Wise, Well-Acquainted with all things.” (Al-An'aam: 18)*

So He is above and separate from His creation. Again, He is separate from His creation.

يَخَافُونَ رَبَّهُمْ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ

*“They fear their Lord **above them**, and they do what they are commanded.” (An-Nahl: 50)*

أَأَمِنْتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يَخْسِفَ بِكُمْ الْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَمُورُ (16) أَمْ أَمِنْتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ حَاصِبًا فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ نَذِيرَ (17)

*“Do you feel secure that **He, Who is over the heaven (Allaah)**, will not cause the earth to sink with you, then behold it shakes (as in an earthquake)? Or do you feel secure that **He, Who is over the heaven (Allaah)**, will not send against you a violent whirlwind? Then you shall know how (terrible) has been My Warning?” (Al-Mulk: 16-17)*

## الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَى

***“The Most Beneficent (Allaah) Istawa (rose over) the (Mighty) Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty).” (Ta-Ha: 5)***

There comes an authentic narration in the Sunan of Imam Ad-Darimee on the authority of 'Abdullaah ibn Mas'ood (*radiallaahu ta'aala 'anhu*) that he said:

**“Indeed between the [first] heaven and the earth (and that which it contains) is a distance of 500 years. And between each two heavens is a distance of 500 years. [So 500 years between the first and the second heaven, and 500 years between the second and the third heaven, and so on and so forth.] And between the seventh heaven and the *kursi* is 500 years traveling distance. And between the *kursi* and the water is another 500 years traveling distance. And the 'Arsh [Throne of Allaah] is above the water. And Allaah is above His ('Arsh) Throne. And nothing of your actions is hidden from Allaah.”**

SubhanAllaah!

And from these people are those who reject all 1,000-plus proofs of Allaah's 'Uluw because they misunderstand an ayah or two<sup>4</sup> - or blindly follow those who do. One of those ayat is:

<sup>4</sup> Another ayah they misunderstand is Allaah's statement is:

إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثَانِيَ اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي الْغَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَمْ تَرَوْهَا وَجَعَلَ كَلِمَةَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا السُّفْلَى وَكَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ هِيَ الْعُلْيَا وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

***“If you help him (Muhammad) not (it does not matter), for Allaah did indeed help him when the disbelievers drove him out, the second of two, when they (Muhammad and Abu Bakr) were in the cave, and he (Muhammad) said to his companion (Abu Bakr): "Be not sad (or afraid), surely Allaah is with us." Then Allaah sent down His Sakinah (calmness, tranquillity, peace, etc.) upon him, and strengthened him with forces (angels) which you saw not, and made the word of those who***

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلْجُ فِي  
الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ  
وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ

***“He it is Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days and then Istawaa (rose over) the Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). He knows what goes into the earth and what comes forth from it, what descends from the heaven and what ascends thereto. And He is with you (by His Knowledge) wheresoever you may be. And Allaah is the All-Seer of what you do.” (Al-Hadid: 4)***

So instead of understanding this ayah as all of the sahaaba understood this ayah from the teachings of the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), these people of evil and little knowledge are quick to deny the multitude of clear ayat regarding Allaah's 'Uluw. This is bad manners with Allaah. Thus they pin an ayah of Allaah against other ayat of Allaah - accusing Allaah of contradicting Himself, audhubillaah! - when the deficiency simply lies in their own understanding.

Imaam Ahmad recorded that 'Amr bin Shu'ayb said that his father said that his grandfather said:

"I and my brother were present in a gathering, which is more precious to me than red camels. My brother and I came and found that some of the leaders of the Companions of the Messenger of Allaah were sitting close to a door of his. We did not like the idea of being separate from them, so we sat near the room. They then mentioned an ayah and began disputing until they raised their voices. The Messenger

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***disbelieved the lowermost, while it was the Word of Allaah that became the uppermost, and Allaah is All-Mighty, All-Wise.” (At-Tawbah: 40)***

If the Soofees would ask the people of knowledge as Allaah commands, then they would have learned that this ayah means: Allaah is with Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) and Abu Bakr (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) by way of His Aid and support. He is with the Prophet and Abu Bakr - but not Abu Jahl.



of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) was so angry that when he went out, his face was red. He threw sand on them and said to them:

«مَهْلًا يَا قَوْمُ، بِهَذَا أَهْلَكْتَ الْأُمَّةَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ، بِاخْتِلَافِهِمْ عَلَى أَنْبِيَائِهِمْ، وَضَرْبِهِمِ الْكُتُبَ بَعْضَهَا بِبَعْضٍ، إِنَّ الْقُرْآنَ لَمْ يَنْزِلْ يُكَذِّبُ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا، إِنَّمَا يُصَدِّقُ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا، فَمَا عَرَفْتُمْ مِنْهُ فَاعْمَلُوا بِهِ، وَمَا جَهِلْتُمْ مِنْهُ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى عَالِمِهِ»

“Behold, O people! This is how the nations before you were destroyed, because of their disputing with their Prophets and their contradicting parts of the Books with other parts. The Qur'an does not contradict itself. Rather, it testifies to the truth of itself. Therefore, whatever of it you have knowledge in, then implement it, and whatever you do not know of it, then refer it to those who have knowledge in it.”

Ahmad also recorded that 'Abdullah bin 'Amr said: "I went to the Messenger of Allaah one day. When we were sitting, two men disputed about an ayah, and their voices became loud. The Prophet said:

«إِنَّمَا هَلَكْتَ الْأُمَّةُ قَبْلَكُمْ بِاخْتِلَافِهِمْ فِي الْكِتَابِ»

"Verily, the nations before you were destroyed because of their disagreements over the Book." (Muslim and An-Nasa'i)

This is why some from the righteous predecessors used to say:

**"How many people seek to find fault with a statement that is correct, and their downfall is their own faulty understanding?"**

So instead of asking the people of knowledge, as Allaah commands in the Qur'an:



فَاسْأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

*“So ask the people of Knowledge, if you do not know.” (Al-Anbiya: 7)*

These people seek fitnah. And from the perfection and completeness of this Religion, Allaah informs us of these people in His noble ayah:

هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ مِنْهُ آيَاتٌ مُحْكَمَاتٌ هُنَّ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ وَأُخَرُ مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ  
فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ زَيْغٌ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ مَا تَشَابَهَ مِنْهُ ابْتِغَاءَ الْفِتْنَةِ وَابْتِغَاءَ تَأْوِيلِهِ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ  
تَأْوِيلَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلٌّ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا  
وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

*“It is He Who has sent down to you (Muhammad) the Book (this Qur'an). In it are Verses that are entirely clear, they are the foundations of the Book; and others not entirely clear. So as for those in whose hearts there is a deviation (from the truth), they follow that which is not entirely clear thereof, seeking Al-Fitnah (polytheism and trials, etc.), and seeking for its hidden meanings, but none knows its hidden meanings save Allaah. And those who are firmly grounded in knowledge say: "We believe in it; the whole of it (clear and unclear Verses) are from our Lord." And none receive admonition except men of understanding.” (Aali Imran: 7)*

Shaikh Rabee bin Hadee al-Madkhalee (*hafidhahullaah*) said,

"So Allaah clarifies in this verse the true condition of the people of deviance and desires, and that they intend for the Muslims evil and fitnah. **This is because their intentions are not correct, and their hearts are sick, and they want the people to be affected by the same poisons that are affecting them.** So due to this, it is wajib (obligatory) that they are warned against to the full extent of our ability.

Verily, Allaah has informed us in this verse [7th verse of Surat Alee-'Imran] that those

in whose hearts there is deviance seek those verses that are not entirely clear because they want fitnah. They want people to have fitnah in the religion, so they go astray from Allaah's true religion and end up in the same state of innovation, misguidance, doubts and confusion that those innovators themselves are in. And we ask Allaah that He saves us and them from this evil path, and saves them from those things that can cause destruction. [Ameen.]

The Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wasallam*) recited this [above] verse and then said:

**"If you see those who seek the verses which are not entirely clear, then they are those whom Allaah has named, so beware of them."**

So the people of deviance and desires seek to base their religion upon the verses that are not entirely clear. So the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wasallam*) meant it is wajib to warn the people from them, because they are astray and they lead the people astray. And this is how Ahlul Bid'ah are in every time and in every place, whatever type of bid'ah [they're upon]. You should never think of a bid'ah as something small or insignificant."

The ayah from Surat al-Hadid requires other text to explain it, but these people don't seek that knowledge, they are quick to deny the clear ayat and accuse Allaah of contradicting Himself when the simple truth is that the one ayah that they use to deny the over 1,000 proofs really means that Allaah is with you wheresoever you may be - **by His Knowledge**. Allaah hears everything, sees everything, knows everything, you cannot go anywhere or do anything or say anything and Allaah not know about it or see it or hear it.

All the Sahaabah (companions) agreed regarding this, as did the second and third generations. And as the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said in a sahih hadeeth:

**"Allaah will not allow my Ummah to unite upon misguidance."**

Imam Abu Haneefah (*rahimahullaah*) was asked about the one who denies that Allaah is above His Throne, Imam Abu Haneefah said:

**"The one who denies that Allaah is above His Throne is a kaafir."**

The questioner returned and asked what about the one who says he doesn't know (upon knowledge of the proofs). Imam Abu Haneefah (*rahimahullaah*) said:

“He too is a kaafir.”

This is why it is extremely important to understand the Qur'an and Sunnah in the same exact manner the Sahaabah (companions) understood the Qur'an and Sunnah from the teachings of the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), and implementing the Qur'an and Sunnah the way the Sahaabah implemented the Qur'an and Sunnah. Allaah says:

وَالَّذِينَ يَأْتِيَنَّ الْفَاحِشَةَ مِنْ نِسَائِكُمْ فَاسْتَشْهَدُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ أَرْبَعَةً مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ شَهِدُوا فَأَمْسِكُوهُنَّ فِي الْبُيُوتِ حَتَّى يَتَوَفَّاهُنَّ الْمَوْتُ أَوْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ لَهُنَّ سَبِيلًا

***“And whoever contradicts and opposes the Messenger (Muhammad) after the right path has been shown clearly to him, and follows other than the believers' way. We shall keep him in the path he has chosen, and burn him in Hell - what an evil destination.” (An-Nisa: 115)***

The believers in this ayah are the sahaabah. So whoever opposes the Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), and follows other than the Sahaabah's way - **after the right path has been shown clearly to him** - Allaah will leave him in that deviant path he has chosen.

We are warned not to choose a path other than the single path of the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) and his companions.

Ahlul Bid'ah - as a whole - underestimate the importance of following the companions of the Messenger of Allaah, understanding the text (Qur'an and Sunnah) as they understood it from the Messenger of this Ummah, and implementing the text as they implemented it. Among the vast field of Ahlul Bid'ah grossly deficient in giving the companions their right and benefitting from the companions is this group known as Soofees. Not only do they follow a path that directly opposes the path of

the companions, but from the Soofees are those who forged the lie that, "*the seal of all people will be the best.*"

Not only is this a forgery, but it directly opposes the Sunnah. Read for yourself:

The Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said:

**"The best of people is my generation, then those who come after them, then those who come after them."**

So the **best of people** after the Prophet were those in the first generation - meaning the companions - not the last generation. The Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) did not modify the phrase **best of people** (*khair un-nas*), because the Sahaabah (*radiallaahu 'anhum ajma'een*) are the best of this Ummah in all that is good, the best in Fiqh (understanding), the best in implementation, the best in Ikhlāas, the best in worship, the best in Taqwa, the best in Eeman - the best of this Ummah.

The Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said:

**"If the Eeman of Abu Bakr was weighed against the Eeman of everyone in the Ummah, the Eeman of Abu Bakr would outweigh the Eeman of everyone else."**

So this shows the best one in this Ummah after the Prophet is Abu Bakr, who - of course - was from the first generation, not "the seal."

The Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said:

**"Verily from the worst of mankind are those whom the Hour will be established upon and they are alive, and those whom have taken the graves as places of worship (masaajid)."**

The Hour will be established upon the worst of creation. So the seal of the creation is actually the worst of creation. And why? Shaikh Ibn Baaz (*rahimahullaah*) said,

"Those who take the graves as places of worship are from the worst of mankind because they are a means and cause for the people falling into shirk (polytheism), innovation, and erroneous acts."

And know - may Allaah guide you - that it is not sufficient that you say, "I follow the Qur`an and Sunnah," because deviants like the Shee'ah and the Soofees and the Khawaarij and the Qadariyah and the Ash'ariyah say the same thing with their tongue - while Allaah knows best what they follow. However, they twist the true meanings of the ayat and the ahadeeth, and thus they cause fitnah and call to bid'ah and shirk, weakening and splitting the Ummah.

Here are a few other examples of twisting the meaning of Allaah's ayat and ahadeeth that the Soofees are infamous for:

- At the very end of Surat al-Hijr, Allaah says:

وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ

***"And worship your Lord until there comes unto you the certainty (i.e. death)." (Al-Hijr: 99)***

In this ayah, **Yaqeen** means death. The Soofees - without verifying with the authentic Tafseer of the Sahaabah - took this to mean being certain that Allaah is the Lord and the like, so when they claim to reach this, they leave off worship. This is no doubt Kufr, as Allaah did not create us except to worship Him (alone). And leaving the Salaat is apostasy, as the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said,

**"Between a man and between disbelief and polytheism is leaving off the salat."**

Had they simply contemplated, they might have come to the realization that the Messenger of Allaah had Yaqeen, yet he didn't leave off worship.

And the likes of this is witnessed till today, such that the Iqamah will be called and some will remain in the back, so one will enquire about them and he will be told, "They have **Yaqeen**." Aoodhubillaah! And there are examples more severe than this, but this will suffice, *in sha` Allaah*.

Another example of the tremendous danger of understanding an ayah or hadeeth with other than its correct understanding is Abu Hurairah's statement:

**"I have memorized two kinds of knowledge from Allaah's Messenger (salallaahu 'laihi wa sallam). I have propagated one of them to you and if I propagated the second, then my pharynx (throat) would be cut (i.e. killed)."**

If the Soofees were to simply look into Fath al-Bari - which is the explanation of Sahih Bukhari - they would have learned that this means that Abu Hurairah knew the names of the **crude rulers** who would come in the time of fitan (trials), hence his seeking refuge in Allaah from the head of the sixty, and the leadership of the youth, pointing to the kingship of Yazid bin Mu'awiyah, because it was in the year sixty after Hijrah. [SubhanAllaah, Allaah answered the du'aa of Abu Hurairah, taking the companion's life a year before it.]

So the deviant and evil leaders amongst the Soofees (and Batiniyyah) deceived their followers into using this as a "proof" that there is a "secret" knowledge of the Qur'an. So these leaders forge and lie and attribute these forgeries and lies to "secret" knowledge. Even then, these blind followers should know to reject this evil and run away due to their fitrah (natural inclination of recognizing right and wrong) and secondly their knowledge that Allaah does not contradict himself:

أَفَلَا يَتَذَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ وَلَوْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ لَوَجَدُوا فِيهِ اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا

***"Do they not then consider the Qur'an carefully? Had it been from other than Allaah, they would surely have found therein much contradictions."* (An-Nisa: 82)**

They must reject falsehood. They should reflect: How is it possible that Allaah (Subhanahu wa Ta'aala) declares worshipping other than Him (calling upon other than him) Kufr throughout the Qur'an and Sunnah, yet this guy here is telling me that "Allaah revealed to him that du'aa can be made to other than Him."

**Red Flag!** It's not possible.

Again, if your point of reference of whom/what you worship and what you hold as your 'aqeedah is not the Qur'an and Sunnah, then what is the difference between you and the Jews and Christians and the rest of the mushrikeen (polytheists)?

Some of you may be startled by how much falsehood these novices - and other than them - absorb. But for those who know the Sunnah and know the effects of bid'ah, this is not at all surprising. For the Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) described the Khawaarij - a deviant sect known for making takfeer of Muslims for something other than shirk, and rebelling against the Muslim rulers - as **"young, foolish, unwise."**

As Shaikh Muhammad al-'Aqeel (*hafidhahullaah*) explained:

"So therefore, bid'ah takes (away) a person's sense - a trial so severe that he will encounter something bad and see it as something "good." It takes away the firmness. Bid'ah takes away the things that makes a person firm. Holding onto the Sunnah is like holding onto pillars, columns."

Shaikh Muhammad al-'Aqeel (*hafidhahullaah*) said,

"Because when bid'ah enters the hearts of a person, it (the heart) closes. We see many people fall into bid'ah and it's as if they went mad. Just as Imam ash-Shafi'ee (*rahimahullah*) mentioned,

**"Tasawuf (Sufism) is misguidance. He becomes a Soofee in the morning and, by Dhuhr, he is crazy, mad."**

**(al-Bayhaqee recorded in his Manaaqib ash-Shaafi'iyyah in volume 2 on page 208)**

Furthermore, Imam Ash-Shafi'ee (*rahimahullah*) said,

**"No one who accompanies the Soofees for forty days will ever have his brain return with him."**

[SubhanAllaah, the Soofees and their off-shoots like the Tableeghis are infamous for these 40-day "*Jawlas*." Be warned; may Allaah protect you!]



Know O Muslims that your Lord does NOT contradict Himself, and there is no "secret" knowledge, as has already been established in the Prophet's statement:

**"Indeed, there is nothing that brings you closer to Allaah and distances you from the fire except I have commanded you with it. And there is nothing that will distance you from Allaah and bring you closer to the fire except that I have prohibited you from it."**

Not only are Wahdatul Wujood and Hulool from the beliefs of the Soofiyyah, but they actually are from the **principles** of Soofiyyah.

Shaikh Dr. Saleh as-Saleh (*rahimahullaah*) said,

"As for [Sufism's] most important objectives, I'll leave it to a Soofee enthusiast who is well known in the circles of Sufism by the name of Sayyid Hussein Masr who stated the objectives of Sufism to be, and I quote: **'All that we can do is to stress that the Soofee teachings center around two fundamental themes: Wahdatul Wujood and *al insan il kamel* (the perfect man).'**

You know this [deviant Wahdatul Wujood] concept that "*existence is all one*." And of course, in reality Allaah is High (and separate) above what they attribute to Him.

And *al insan il kamel*. What is *al insan il kamel*? In the world of Sufism, and remember we spoke about all these terminologies; this is one of their terminologies. ...[It is] qualified with both the essence (attributes) of Allaah and the essence of creation. ...And the Soofees attribute these qualities to Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). [They say he] had both attributes (Divine and man). "

These Soofee fundamental themes are **kufr** and Allaah's aid is sought from falling into the likes of this. The religion of al-Islam is free from this. In sha` Allaah, you are beginning to see that Tassawuf is not from Islam - meaning, it is not from what Allaah revealed to His final Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).

The Soofees attribute to the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) divine attributes, such as knowledge of the Ghaib (Unseen). Anyone who reads the Qur'an knows that none knows the Ghaib except Allaah. Allaah, The All-Knowing, says:

قُلْ لَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ الْغَيْبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ أَيَّانَ يُبْعَثُونَ

***“Say: “None in the heavens and the earth knows the Ghaib (unseen) except Allaah, nor can they perceive when they shall be resurrected.” (An-Naml: 65)***

قُلْ لَا أَمْلِكُ لِنَفْسِي نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَلَوْ كُنْتُ أَعْلَمُ الْغَيْبَ لَا سْتَكْثَرْتُ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ وَمَا مَسَّنِيَ السُّوءُ إِنْ أَنَا إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ وَبَشِيرٌ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ

***“Say (O Muhammad): “I possess no power of benefit or hurt to myself except as Allaah wills. If I had the knowledge of the Ghaib (unseen), I should have secured for myself an abundance of wealth, and no evil should have touched me. I am but a warner, and a bringer of glad tidings unto people who believe.” (Al-A'raf: 188)***

قُلْ لَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ عِنْدِي خَزَائِنُ اللَّهِ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ الْغَيْبَ وَلَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنِّي مَلَكٌ إِنْ أَتَّبِعُ إِلَّا مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَىٰ وَالْبَصِيرُ أَفَلَا تَتَفَكَّرُونَ

***“Say (O Muhammad): “I don't tell you that with me are the treasures of Allaah, nor (that) I know the unseen; nor I tell you that I am an angel. I but follow what is revealed to me by inspiration.” Say: “Are the blind and the one who sees equal? Will you not then take thought?” (Al-An'am: 50)***

Likewise, these Soofees deviantly claim the "Prophet had no shadow" and the "Prophet was created from the noor (light) of Allaah," which is similar to the Christians' claim of Jesus son of Mary being the son of Allaah. Allaah, The Most High, said:

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

***“Say (O Muhammad): "I am only a man like you. It has been inspired to me that your Ilah (Deity) is One Ilah (Deity; Allaah). So whoever hopes for the Meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord.” (Al-Kahf: 110)***

The Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said about himself:

**"I am a slave. I eat what a slave eats, and sit like a slave sits." (al-Baghawee)**

Another lie some of the Soofees will use to lure the ignorant - or to defend their actions and beliefs - is, "Those are just the extreme Soofees."

**The fact that Wahdatul Wujood and Hulool and sharing in Allaah's Attributes are the principles of Soofiyyah proves the scholars' statements that Tassawuf - all of it - leads to Shirk.** (May Allaah have mercy on our righteous scholars.)

Never mind that Tassawuf is haram, more so bid'ah, and one of the 72 deviant sects, but it leads to Shirk/Kufr and ultimately the fire. All of it! So a beginner - who himself is in the process of being duped - may say, "those are the extreme Soofees," but the fact is all of Tasawuff leads to Kufr. It's like a slippery water slide into a pool of fire, except for the one whom Allaah has mercy on, guiding him to repentance and a return to the Sunnah, and saving him from this evil.

Ponder - may Allaah safeguard you - that the Soofees even conceal their principles, instead feigning a call to Zuhd, all the while preparing the newcomer step-by-step for the acceptance of their principles of kufr.

Compare that to Allaah's perfect and complete religion of al-Islaam. Allaah, The Most High, commanded all His Messengers to openly declare, begin with and prioritize Tawheed:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

***“And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad) but We inspired him (saying): La ilaaha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allaah)], so worship Me (Alone and none else).” (Al-Anbiya: 25)***

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

***“And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): “Worship Allaah (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Taaghoot (all false deities).” (An-Nahl: 36)***

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَقَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ

***“Indeed, We sent Nuh (Noah) to his people and he said: “O my people! Worship Allaah! You have no other deity worthy of worship except Him...” (Al-A'raf: 59)***

And likewise Allaah commanded His final Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) to order the companions,

***“...Let the first thing that you call them to be the testification (shahadah) that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah, and I am the Messenger of Allaah.” (And in one narration: that they should single out Allaah with all worship.) (Bukhari, Muslim)***

As is clear, the principles of Islaam are not to be concealed. No! These major principles of the religion are to be clarified at the start - in the beginning.

O slave of Allaah, do you know why these leaders brainwash their students into ignoring the Qur'an and Sunnah, following their statements instead of the Qur'an and Sunnah, and agreeing to a pact of never visiting a scholar? One of the reasons they do all this is not only are they misguided and misguiding others, but additionally **they want you to worship them!**

This is the reason why these Soofee leaders keep their students ignorant of the 'aqedah and the Sunnah as a whole. Shaikh Muhammad al-'Aqeel (hafidhahullaah) said:

***“For this reason, the Soofee leaders wage war against knowledge, so their students can be their slaves.”***

These Soofee leaders want you to prostrate to them, make du'aa to them, seek blessings from them (even mentioning their name when eating, praying, standing and sitting...), seek refuge in them, be a slave to them, wear charms of shirk for them, call them "Prophet," rely on them, etc... No doubt, this is **Kufr**! In fact, the one who calls to the worship of himself (besides Allaah) is a Taghoot<sup>5</sup> (a shaytan), as is the one who is worshipped (besides Allaah) and is pleased with that! Of course, the lying Soofee leaders cannot tell you this in the beginning, because you would leave them.

On top of all this, some of the Soofee even believe that these leaders of theirs (whom they call "Awliyyah") dispose of the affairs of the universe. This kufr is even worse than the kufr of Abu Jahl and Abu Lahab, who affirmed that Allaah is The Creator, The Lord, The One Who gives life and death, and The Disposer of all affairs of the Universe but were disbelievers because they refused to single out Allaah with all worship.

Read what Allaah, Exalted Be He, commanded His Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) to ask the mushrikeen, such as Abu Lahab and Abu Jahl:

وَلَيْنَ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ

***"And verily, if you ask them: "Who created the heavens and the earth?" Surely, they will say: "Allaah (has created them)."... (Az-Zumar: 38)***

قُلْ مَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَمْ مَنْ يَمْلِكُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَمَنْ يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَمَنْ يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ فَسَيَقُولُونَ اللَّهُ فَقُلْ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ

<sup>5</sup> 'Umar ibn al-Khattab (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) said Taghoot means "ash-shaytan."

The scholars have clarified that the Taghoot are many, and at the head of them are five:

- a- Iblees (may Allaah curse him)
- b- Whoever is worshipped (besides Allaah) and is pleased with that
- c- Whoever calls the people to the worship of himself (besides Allaah)
- d- Whoever claims to know the Ghaib (Unseen)
- e- Whoever rules by other than what Allaah revealed

***"Say (O Muhammad): 'Who provides for you from the sky and from the earth? Or who owns hearing and sight? And who brings out the living from the dead and brings out the dead from the living? And who disposes the affairs?'" They will say: "Allaah." Say: "Will you not then be afraid of Allaah's Punishment (for setting up rivals in worship with Allaah)?" (Yunus: 31)***

And, *in sha` Allaah*, you already know that worshipping (making du'aa to) other than Allaah leads to eternal hellfire, as the Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said:

**"Verily, Du'aa is worship!"**

And directing an act of worship to other than Allaah is Kufr, and Kufr - if not repented from in this world - leads to eternal hellfire!

Shaykh al-Fawzaan (*hafidhahullaah*) said:

"For an individual to say 'Laa illaaha il Allaah', but he worships the graves, trees, stones, and seeks to come close to the awliya, the *salibeen* (righteous people), and also the jinn and the angels, by some act of worship, then he is a mushrik (polytheist) and a kafir (disbeliever) in Allaah. He either affirms Tawheed al-Uloohiyah [singling out Allaah in each and every act of worship] or he will be punished.

The religion (the meaning of which is worship) like the prayer, fasting, supplication, invocation, fear, hope, a vow, dread, fervent desire, slaughtering, and other than this, all of these are for Allaah alone - all of them.

So the person who divides his religion, taking a part for Allaah and another part for other than Him - like the grave or the Wali - then he is a mushrik (polytheist) and a kafir (disbeliever) in Allaah. Allaah said, in a Qudsi hadeeth:

**'Verily I am free from associating any partners with Me. So whoever does an action of which he associates with Me, other than Me, then I have left him and left his shirk.'**

Allaah says:

وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّنْ يَدْعُو مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَنْ لَا يَسْتَجِيبُ لَهُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ وَهُمْ عَنِ  
دُعَائِهِمْ غَافِلُونَ

***“And who is more astray than one who calls (invokes) besides Allaah, such as will not answer him till the Day of Resurrection, and who are (even) unaware of their calls (invocations) to them?” (Al-Ahqaf: 5)***

Compounding matters is that among those from this Ummah who call on other than Allaah - or commit other forms of shirk that exit one from Islaam - are some who don't make Tawbah (sincerely repent to Allaah), seemingly blind or fearless of Allaah's severe warnings of dying upon shirk.

Allaah, The Most High, says:

إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ

***“Verily, whosoever sets up partners in worship with Allaah, then Allaah has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the Dhaalimun (polytheists and wrongdoers) there are no helpers.” (Al-Ma'idah: 72)***

Allaah, The Most High, said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ  
افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا

***“Verily, Allaah forgives not that partners should be set up with him in worship, but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He pleases, and whoever sets up partners with Allaah in worship, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin.” (An-Nisa: 48)***



The cure for this, o Muslims, is simple. Worship Allaah alone, follow only Prophet Muhammad, and don't deny anything in the Qur'an and Sunnah. So believe as the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) believed. Hold onto the Prophet's 'aqidah, his manhaj, his way of worship - his Sunnah in all matters.

The Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said,

**"Everyone will enter Jannah except those who refuse."**

It was asked, "And who would refuse, O Messenger of Allaah?" He (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said,

**"Whoever obeys me enters Jannah, and whoever disobeys me, refuses."**

As the scholars have explained, this hadeeth is for the Muslims.

Shaykh Muhammad Naasir-ud-Deen Al-Albanee (*rahimahullaah*) said: The Sunnah has been protected from falling into error, and safeguarded from going astray, as the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said in the farewell khutbah:

**"O people. Indeed, I have left amongst you two things. If you hold firmly to them, you will never go astray: the book of Allaah and the Sunnah of his Prophet."**

**(Al-Haakim in al-Mustadrak, and Ibn 'Abdul-Barr in Jaami'ul-Bayaan)**

"The same does not hold true for the opinions and ijtihaadat of men. Due to this, Imaam Malik (*rahimahullaah*) said, 'I am only a human being. I err and I am correct. So look into my opinions. So everything you find in agreement with the Book [Qur'an] and the Sunnah, then take it. And everything you find that is not in agreement with the Book [Qur'an] and the Sunnah, then leave it off.'" [Jaami'ul-Bayaan (2/32)]

So it is not pleasing to Allaah that you obey anyone - scholar or not - in opposition to the truth. A true genuine scholar would be the first one to advise you with this, as Imaam Malik (*rahimahullaah*) did. So if a scholar commands with something in opposition to what Allaah revealed in the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah, then we

reject it. There are reasons for this; here are three of them:

1- The statements of anyone other than the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) can be right or wrong (taken or accepted) since they did not receive revelation from Allaah. As for the Messenger, then Allaah said about him:

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ (3) إِنَّ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ (4)

***“Nor does he speak from his own desire. It is only revelation revealed to him.”***  
***(An-Najm: 3-4)***

The same cannot be said about your shaikh or this shaikh or any shaikh.

2- The truth is not know by men, but rather men are known by the truth. So any statement made - even by a scholar - must be in agreement with the Qur`an and Sunnah. If it contradicts the Qur`an and authentic Sunnah, we don't take it. So the statement of the scholar - in and of itself - is not evidence unless it agrees with the Qur`an and authentic Sunnah.

3- It is haram to follow the error of a scholar (shaikh, or 'alim), or anyone for that matter - upon knowledge of the truth. If any scholar - or anyone - errs in the religion, or if he says something that opposes the evidence from the Qur`an and authentic Sunnah, then we do not follow him in that action. Otherwise, this is following one's desires, such as the one who knows that Allaah, 'Azza wa Jall, and His Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) made Ribaa haram, yet this person follows his desires instead and begins asking "scholars" for permission to use Ribaa until one of them (or more) give him "permission", thus this person latches onto the statement of this "scholar" and takes it above the prohibition of Allaah and His Messenger. And by doing this, this follower of desires fell into something far worse than the major sin of engaging in Ribaa (usury), because obeying someone in making "halal" what Allaah made "haram" is kufr! Aoodhubillaah!

Ibnul Qayyim (*rahimahullaah*) said,

"...Nor should they stop observing his (the Prophet's, *salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) orders and believing in his reports because of their preference to the statements of their teacher or their Imaam or their madhhab or their group or whosoever they elevate. So if he is allowed to, he obeys his orders and accepts his reports. If this is not the case, then if he seeks blamelessness, he abandons his orders and his reports, and entrusts it to them (i.e/ his imaam, teacher, group), or he distorts it from its proper meaning, and then claims that it is interpretation and explanation; that they are interpreting and explaining it.

Indeed, if the slave was to meet his Lord with every sin, with the exclusion of nothing other than committing Shirk with Allaah, it would be better for him than to meet his Lord in this aforementioned condition.

One day, I spoke to one of the leaders of these people and said to him:

**'I ask you, by Allaah, if it was decreed that the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) was alive and with us, and we witnessed his speech and sermons, would it be obligated upon us to follow him, without referring it to the opinions, statements and madhhab of other than him, or do we not obey him until we refer what we heard from him to the opinions and intellects of others?'**

He answered, 'Rather it would be obligatory to hasten to obedience without returning to other than him.'

I said, **'So what has removed this obligation from us today and what has replaced it?'**

So he placed his finger upon his mouth and remained pale-faced and confused and did not utter a word."

Shaikh Rabee bin Hadee al-Madkhalee (*hafidhahullaah*) said,

"With great sorrow, this is what many sects do with many aspects of the 'aqeedah and the Sharee'ah."

Dear Muslim: if you are sincere and follow only the Qur'an and Sunnah the way it is meant to be understood - and follow nothing (no one's statements or opinions) in opposition to the Qur'an and Sunnah - and ask Allaah for guidance, then Allaah will guide you *in sha` Allaah*. But if you're not sincere, and you simply want to follow your desires, then you will be astray.

Reflect - may Allaah safeguard you - Allaah's statement already mentioned in the beginning of this treatise:

فَإِنْ آمَنُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا آمَنْتُمْ بِهِ فَقَدْ اهْتَدَوْا وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا هُمْ فِي شِقَاقٍ فَسَيَكْفِيكَهُمُ اللَّهُ  
وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

***"So if they believe in the like of that which you believe, then they are rightly guided, but if they turn away, then they are only in opposition. So Allaah will suffice you against them. And He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower."* (Al-Baqarah: 137)**

So what determines if a person is a believer and upon the truth, or if he is in opposition to the believers and upon falsehood is one's belief (**'Aqeedah**). If one's beliefs are in agreement with the beliefs of the Prophet and his companions, then he is a believer and upon the truth. And if not, then Allaah, The All-Knowing, says he is only in opposition.

So let's go through some points of **'Aqeedah** mentioned in this treatise, and ask yourself if your belief matches what is in the Qur'an and Sunnah.

- It has been established - with proofs from the Qur'an and Sunnah - that the religion is complete and perfect. If anyone brings something new into the religion, then by his action or statement or belief, he is accusing the religion of being incomplete and deficient. Does your belief match what is in the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah, or are you among those who insist on innovating?

- It has been established - with proofs from the Qur`an and Sunnah - that Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) was distinguished from the rest of this Ummah in that he did not speak from his own desire. In conveying the religion, he only spoke with what Allaah commanded him. Does your belief match what is in the Qur`an and authentic Sunnah, or are you among those who believe in parts of the Qur`an and Sunnah, and reject parts of the Qur`an and Sunnah?

- It has been established - with proofs from the Qur`an and Sunnah - that there is no Prophet after Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), and therefore revelation stopped with his death. Does your belief match what is in the Qur`an and authentic Sunnah, or do you believe those who lyingly claim they also receive revelation from Allaah?

- It has been established - with proofs from the Qur`an and Sunnah - that no one has the right to legislate except for Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*). And it has been established that declaring "haram" what Allaah declares "halal," or declaring "halal" what Allaah declares "haram" is kufr, as is obeying someone in declaring "haram" what Allaah declares "halal," or vice versa. Does your belief match what is in the Qur`an and authentic Sunnah, or do you obey others in declaring halal "haram", or making haram "halal"?

- It has been established - with proofs from the Qur`an and Sunnah - that Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) is above all His creation, and He is separate from His creation. Denying this is kufr. Does your belief match what is in the Qur`an and authentic Sunnah, or is your 'aqeedah the 'aqeedah of Wahdatul Wujood and hulool?

- It has been established - with proofs from the Qur`an and Sunnah - that no one from mankind or Jinn is exempt from following Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). Denying this is Kufr. Does your belief match what is in the Qur`an and authentic Sunnah, or do you believe that the awliyya are exempt from following the Prophet?

- It has been established - with proofs from the Qur`an and Sunnah - that Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is to be followed, taken as an example, and imitated in his 'aqidah. Does your belief match what is in the Qur`an and authentic Sunnah, or do you insist on patterning yourself after Ibn 'Arabee and the Soofees?

- It has been established - with proofs from the Qur'an and Sunnah - that Du'aa is an act of worship, and all acts of worship [such as seeking refuge, reliance, seeking blessings or forgiveness or mercy] can only be directed to Allaah alone; otherwise du'aa [or any act of worship] to other than Allaah nullifies one's kalima and nullifies one's Islam. Does your belief match what is in the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah, or do you direct du'aa [or any act of worship] to other than Allaah?

- It has been established that no Prophet or companion was a Soofee, and it has been established that The Saved Sect from the 73 are those upon what Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) and his companions were upon of 'aqidah and manhaj and how they worshipped? Are you upon what Prophet Muhammad and his companions were upon? Or are you upon what the Soofees are upon?

Ponder, o Muslims, that what you have been presented with are proofs from the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah, while these deviants (these Soofees) come with brazen fabrications, shameless lies, narrations that the scholars of hadeeth have long declared as ***Da'eef*** ("weak"), superstitions, opinions and desires.

The Prophet said:

**"Whomever Allaah wants good for, He gives understanding of the religion."**  
(Bukhari)

So Ibnul Qayyim (*rahimahullaah*) said,

"This means whomever Allaah does not want good for, Allaah does not give him understanding of the Religion."

You are warned the strongest warning: do not go in this Soofee direction.

As Imam Malik (*rahimahullaah*) said,

**"The Sunnah is like Noah's Ark. Whoever boards it will be saved, and whoever doesn't will drown (be destroyed)."**

These Soofees have abandoned the Sunnah so much - Allaahu Musta'aan - that they even distort and transgress the boundaries of the "Zuhd" and "Dhikr" they claim to

call to and be in favor of. So you see them purposely wearing raggedy clothes even though they have nice clothes at home, you see them wearing winter coats in the peak of the summer heat, starving themselves, and falling into many extreme acts fraught with self-imposed hardship and self-deprivation.

I ask you - by Allaah - to read the Prophet's statements and compare his statements and actions to the statements and actions of these Soofees. You will see - without a doubt - that they oppose each other. In which case, you - ya 'Abdullaah - have to choose one or the other: either the Prophet's way that leads to Jannah, or other than the Prophet's way leading to the fire.

Imam Ahmad recorded a narration from Malik bin Nadlah who said,

"I came to Allaah's Messenger while in filthy clothes. He said,

«هَلْ لَكَ مَالٌ»

**Do you have wealth?**

I answered, 'Yes.' He said,

«مِنْ أَيِّ الْمَالِ»

**What kind of wealth?**

I answered, 'All kinds: camels, slaves, horses, sheep.' So he said,

«إِذَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ مَالًا فَلْيُرَ عَلَيْكَ»

**If Allaah gives you wealth, then let it be seen on you.**



It is established in Sahih al-Bukhari from Ibn 'Abbaas (*radiallaahu 'anhuma*) that: The Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) saw a person standing in the sun and asked,

**"What is this?"**

They replied, 'He is Abu Isra'il who has taken an oath to stand in the sun, not to seek the shade, not to speak and to fast.' Thereupon, the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said,

**"Order him to sit, seek the shade, speak and complete his fast."**

Fasting is from the Sunnah; torturing oneself is not.

It is established in the Bukhari and Muslim from Anas (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) that: Some people asked about the worship of the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) [when they received the answer] it was as if they thought it to be little and said,

"Which of us is like the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).'" Then one of them said, 'As for me, I will fast without ever breaking it. Another said, 'As for me, I will stand [for prayer by night] and not sleep.' Another said, 'As for me, I will not eat meat.' Another said, 'As for me, I will not marry.'

[When the Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) heard of this], he said:

**"What is the matter with some people, one of whom says such-and-such. Indeed, I fast and I break my fast. I stand [for prayer] and I sleep. I eat meat, and I marry women. So whosoever turns away from my Sunnah is not of me."**

Meaning: whosoever turns away from my Sunnah, traversing another path thinking that it is better. Whosoever is like this is free of Allaah and His Messenger. Allaah, The Exalted, says:

وَمَنْ يَرْغَبْ عَنْ مِلَّةِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِلَّا مَنْ سَفِهَ نَفْسَهُ

**"And who turns away from the religion of Ibraahim (Islam; Tawheed) except him who befools himself?" (Al-Baqarah: 130)**

Indeed it is obligatory upon every Muslim to believe that the best of speech is the speech of Allaah, and the best of guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), as is established in Sahih Muslim that the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) used to deliver his sermons commencing with these words every Jumu'ah.

In fact, denying that the guidance of Muhammad (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is the best guidance nullifies one's Islam, for:

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ (3) إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ (4)

***“Nor does he speak from his own desire. It was only revelation revealed to him.” (An-Najm: 3-4)***

Just as the Soofees stray in 'aqeedah and manhaj, they also stray in method of worship, performing the very Zuhd that they claim to call to in an unlegislated way and also doing dhikr in manners that are not legislated. The Soofiyah are so immersed in bid'ah and so used to ignoring the Sunnah, that they even tamper with the kalima of Tawheed, dividing the kalima "La illaaha il Allaah" into two separate adhkaar (remembrances).

So some of these leaders of theirs will order their students to say "La illaaha" (by itself) 500 times, and then say "il Allaah" (by itself) 500 times. And if they don't, they get beat - literally. Like boot camp officers.

Indeed, the true and genuine scholars of Ahlus-Sunnah wal Jama'ah have clarified the multitude of errors in this. Among the scholars' statements is their saying that not only is dividing this dhikr unlegislated and a bid'ah, but furthermore this action of theirs can be shirk if the person intends "La illaaha" (by itself) as a dhikr because of its meaning.

Ilaha only has one meaning - *al-Ma'bood* (meaning: that which is worshipped) - as is agreed by all the scholars of the Arabic language and all the genuine scholars of Islaam. And when *ilaha* is used in the Qur'an and Sunnah, it is either meant "in truth" or "in falsehood," which becomes clear from the understanding and Tafseer of the

Sahaabah. [The Arabic language is a high-content language that sometimes includes words that are inferred but not stated. And the *ilaha* in the Shahadah is "in truth."]

"La illaaha" (by itself) means: none is worshipped in truth. And to make this a dhikr by itself is shirk.

The kalima of Tawheed has two pillars: "La illaaha" and "il Allaah." And among the many proofs is Allaah's statement:

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ  
اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَى لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

***"There is no compulsion in religion. Verily, the Right Path has become distinct from the wrong path. Whoever disbelieves in Taghoot and believes in Allaah, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break. And Allaah is All-Hearer, All-Knower."* (Al-Baqarah: 256)**

One pillar cannot stand without the other. So if a person believed in "La illaha" without the second pillar, then this is the shirk of the atheists who do not worship anyone. And if someone believed in the second pillar "il Allaah" without the first pillar, then this is the shirk of the mushrikeen who worshipped Allaah but also worshipped other than Allaah, refusing to single out Allaah with worship.

SubhanAllaah, the virtues<sup>6</sup> of saying "La illaaha il Allaah" are tremendous, yet these Sufis are so deluded by the ones they allow to brainwash them into playing

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<sup>6</sup> Here are a handful of the abundance of examples of the weighty virtues of saying "**La illaaha il Allaah**" (none has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allaah):

a- The Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said: "Whoever testifies that **La illaaha il Allaah** (none has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allaah) sincerely from his heart enters Paradise."

b- From Anas (*radiallaahu 'anh*) that Allaah's Messenger (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said: "There is no one who testifies that **La illaaha il Allaah** and that Muhammad is Allaah's Messenger, truthfully from his heart, except that Allaah has made the Fire forbidden for him." [al-Bukhaaree (no.128) and Muslim (no.32)]

games with the religion, that they have fallen into haram regarding this tremendously virtuous dhikr.

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c- The Messenger of Allaah (*sallahu alaihi wa sallam*) said, "Whoever enters the marketplace and says:

**'There is none worthy of worship except Allah who has no partners, for Him is the Dominion, and for Him is all Praise, He brings life and He causes death, and He is Alive and does not die, in His Hand is all good, and He is able to do all things.'**

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

[La ilaha ill Allah, Wahdahu la sharika lah, lahul-Mulk, wa lahul-Hamd, yuhyiy wa yumit, wa Huwa Hayyun la yamut, bi Yadih al-khayr, wa Huwa 'ala kull shay'in Qadir]

**...then Allaah will write one million good deeds for him, will wipe away one million of his bad deeds, will raise him one million levels, and will build a home for him in Paradise.**" [Sahih al-Jami', no. 6231]

d- The Messenger of Allaah - may peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him – said : Whoever says:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

**'There is none worthy of worship in truth except Allaah Alone, He has no partners, to Him belongs the Dominion and for Him is all praise, and He is capable of all things.'** –

[La ilaha 'illa Allaahu wahdahu la shareeka lahu, lahul mulku wa lahul hamdu wa huwa ala kulli shayin qadeer]

**One hundred times in one day, then it is equivalent to: him freeing ten slaves, and a hundred good deeds are written for him, and a hundred bad deeds are erased, and it is a protection for him against shaytaan during that day until the evening, and no one comes with a better deed than him except for the man who does more actions than him.**

e- 'Umar bin Al-Khattab (*radiallaahu 'anhu*) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (*salallaahu 'alaihiwasallam*) said,

**"Whoever of you performs Wudu carefully and then affirms: Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallahu Wahdahu la sharika Lahu, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa Rasuluhu [I testify that there so no true deity worthy of worship except Allaah Alone, Who has no partners and that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger,' the eight gates of Jannah are opened for him. He may enter through whichever of these gates he desires (to enter)."** [Reported by Muslim (no.234), Abu Dawood (no 169), at-Tirmidhee (no.55), an-Nasaa'ee (no.148), Ibn Maajah (no.470)].

Sadly, the Soofiyah ignore the Sunnah so much that they fall into many other bid'ah with regard to dhikr and other than it from those matters that distract from the Qur'an and the Sunnah such as an-Nasheed, celebrating the Prophet's birthday, and over-indulgence in poetry. And none of this is suprising since Hassan ibn 'Atiyyah (*rahimahullaah*), said,

**"A people never introduce a bid'ah into their religion except that Allaah takes away its like from their Sunnah and then does not restore it to them until the Day of Resurrection."**

**[(ad-Daarimee); declared 'Saheeh' by Shaikh al-Albaanee in al-Mishkaat (1/66/no.188).]**

In addition, the Soofees are infamous for their easing a *murid* (novice) into dancing and swaying, chanting, beating drums in their circle, and other transgressions such as marijuana-induced trances, free-mixing with genders, listening to music.

So do not be lured in or deceived by the likes of these Soofees - any of them, whether the beginners amongst them or those beyond that or those who have already plunged into acts or statements or beliefs of Shirk - and beware of them.

When all else fails for them, these desperate Sufis trick people into joining them - leaving behind the Qur'an and Sunnah - with acts these Sufis call "miracles," either performing them by seeking assistance from the Jinn or by reaching Satanic states. Aoodhubillaah! O brothers and sisters in Islaam, do not be fooled. These are people of desires and bid'ah, and some of them have already plunged into Shirk, and they want you to join them.

Thus - may Allaah guide you - you have reached a fork in the road with three paths in front of you: one being the Straight Path of the Qur'an and Sunnah that leads to Paradise, and the ones on either side being stray paths of desires, bid'ah and shirk that lead to the fire.

Imaam al-Qurtubee recorded in his Jaami' al-Ahkaam al-Quraan in volume 11 on page 237 that at-Tartoosee said,

"May Allaah have Mercy upon you, the Madhhab (way) of the Soofiyyah is Baatil (Falsehood), ignorant and misguided. **Islaam is only the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of His Messenger...**"

As for those who refuse...

Allaah says:

فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكَ فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّمَا يَتَّبِعُونَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّنْ اتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ بِغَيْرِ هُدًى  
مِّنَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

*"But if they answer you not, then know that they only follow their own lusts. And who is more astray than one who follows his own lusts, without guidance from Allaah? Verily! Allaah guides not the people who are Dhalimoon (wrong-doers, disobedient to Allaah, and polytheists)." (Al-Qasas: 50)*

And if you are among those whose heart Allaah has softened and opened to denounce the evil you were upon and to accept the truth in the Qur`an and the Sunnah, and you want to make tawbah, then know - may Allaah have mercy on you and guide you - that the door for Tawbah and Rahmah (Mercy) is expansive.

Allaah says:

أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً نَّصُوحًا عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَن يُكَفِّرَ عَنْكُم سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ  
وَيُدْخِلَكُم جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

*"O you who believe! Turn to Allaah with **sincere repentance**! It may be that your Lord will remit from you your sins, and admit you into Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise)..." (At-Tahrim: 8)*

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِنْ رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ  
جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**“Say: "O 'Ibaadi (My slaves) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allaah, verily Allaah forgives all sins. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” (Az-Zumar: 53)**

So Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) will forgive all the sins of those who **repent** to Him and turn back to Him, no matter what or how many his sins are.

So know - may Allaah guide you - that **tawbah** (sincere repentance, remorse, resolve to never return to the sin) is the only means of attaining Allaah's forgiveness for major shirk.

And as for the agreement of falsehood you made with the Soofee Shaikh:

Firstly, the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said:

**"There is no obedience to the creation in disobedience to the Creator."  
(Ahmad)**

This means that when the creation commands you to disobey Allaah, then in that case there is no obedience to the creation. In fact, in that case obedience to the creation becomes sinful.

Even with regard to the parents, who have a right greater than all other people (not counting the Prophet, *salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), yet still it is impermissible to obey them in disobedience to Allaah, as

Allaah, the Most High, says:

وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ تُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا



## وَصَاحِبُهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا

***“But if they (both) strive to make you join in worship with Me others that of which you have no knowledge, then obey them not, but behave with them in the world kindly.” (Luqmaan: 15)***

Secondly, the covenant you made with Allaah, the Lord Who created you, takes priority:

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ  
قَالُوا بَلَى شَهِدْنَا أَنْ تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ

***“And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their seed (or from Adam's loin his offspring) and made them testify as to themselves (saying): "Am I not your Lord?" They said: "Yes! We testify," lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection: "Verily, we have been unaware of this.” (Al-A'raf: 172)***

We all agreed to this, and this is from the fitrah that we were born with.

In this is an important lesson for all - to not be deceived by a belief, act or statement simply because it feels good or sounds good. Whether it be a whisper or a thought, it must be compared to the Two Witnesses - the Qur'an and Authentic Sunnah upon the understanding of the Sahaabah. If it does not agree with the Qur'an and Authentic Sunnah upon the understanding of the Sahaabah, then know this is a deception that should not be acted upon, nor should it be believed in and nor should it be taken as a religion. Aoodhubillaah! So be warned - may Allaah protect you!

Allaah promises eternal Paradise to those who die upon Tawheed, and promises eternal hellfire for those who refuse. Do not be deceived by the whispers of shaytan. From Allaah's mercy, Allaah - Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem - has clarified the Straight Path that leads to Paradise and has exposed shaytan's plots that lead to the hellfire. If you refuse, you have no one to blame but yourself. And if you trust Allaah and His revelations and rely on Him - rejecting shaytan and his deceptions - and die

upon this path of Qur`an and Sunnah, then for you will be a reward that never ends. Allaahu akbar!

So do not be deceived, and heed Allaah's perfect statement:

أَفَمَنْ زُيِّنَ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ فَرَآهُ حَسَنًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يُضِلُّ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ

***“Is he, then, to whom the evil of his deeds is made fairseeming, so that he considers it as good (equal to one who is rightly guided)? Verily, Allaah sends astray whom He wills, and guides whom He wills...” (Fatir: 8)***

So do not be deceived, and heed Allaah's perfect statement:

أَفَمَنْ كَانَ عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّهِ كَمَنْ زُيِّنَ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ وَاتَّبَعُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ

***“Is he who is on a clear proof from his Lord, like those for whom their evil deeds that they do are beautified for them, while they follow their own lusts (evil desires)?” (Muhammad: 14)***

So do not be deceived, and heed Allaah's perfect statement:

وَقَالَ الشَّيْطَانُ لَمَّا قُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَعَدَكُمْ وَعَدَ الْحَقُّ وَوَعَدْتُكُمْ فَأَخْلَفْتُكُمْ وَمَا كَانَ لِي عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا أَنْ دَعَوْتُكُمْ فَاسْتَجَبْتُمْ لِي فَلَا تَلُومُونِي وَلُومُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ مَا أَنَا بِمُصْرِخِكُمْ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُصْرِخِيَّ إِنِّي كَفَرْتُ بِمَا أَشْرَكْتُمُونِ مِنْ قَبْلُ إِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

***“And Shaitan (Satan) will say when the matter has been decided: "Verily, Allaah promised you a promise of truth. And I too promised you, but I betrayed you. I had no authority over you except that I called you, so you responded to me. So blame me not, but blame yourselves. I cannot help you, nor can you help me. I deny your former act in associating me (Satan) as a***

***partner with Allaah (by obeying me in the life of the world). Verily, there is a painful torment for the Dhaalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.).” (Ibrahim: 22)***

May Allaah save the Muslims from the deceptions of shaytan. May Allaah guide the Muslims, and protect the Muslims from hypocrisy, shirk, apostasy, and bid'ah, and may Allaah give the Muslims the success to see the truth as truth and follow it, and may Allaah give the Muslims the success to see falsehood as falsehood and reject it. And may Allaah unite the Muslims upon the truth - the Qur'an and Sunnah upon the understanding of the companions.

